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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A - ACTIVITY ROOM  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

- Dr. Michael W. Waters
- Ms. Candice E. Wicks
- Ms. Venester Haywood
- Ms. Johnnie Goins
- Mr. Stephen G. Foster
- Rev. Donna Slater
- Mr. John Paul Lewis
- Mrs. Karissa N. Madison
- Ms. Elaine Sacks
- Mr. Kevin Malonson
- Ms. Dianne Gibson

ABSENT

- Mr. Nathan Rogers

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

- Pamela R. Jones, Center Manager
- LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:55PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Ms. Gibson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was completed and the sign-in sheet will serve as notice of roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Goins made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion. The board approved.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. MLK Dallas Toastmasters

Ms. Jones reported that the MLK Dallas Toastmaster Club is an official charter now and is taking members. The club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm-7:30pm.

B. Christmas Toy Drive

Ms. Jones reported that sign up for the Christmas Toy project has officially closed. The disbursement dates for those that signed up and were approved through the program will be Tuesday 12/20/16 and Wednesday 12/21/16. Each approved recipient has been notified and

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given a specific pickup date and time. There will be a walk-in on Thursday 12/22/16 10:00am-2:00pm.

C. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration

Ms. Jones reported that CW33 have officially confirmed that they will be a partner for this year's celebration. They will do a live stream and will provide the mistress or master of ceremony for the gala. They want to do more with us doing the year. The entertainment for this year will be Dillard University Choir, Candy West and the Ray Baker Project. It has also been requested that the new District Attorney Faith Johnson be the parade grand marshal for 2017, we are awaiting an answer from her office. We have requested and awaiting the answer from the Mayor's office regarding the title sponsor.

D. Black History Month

Ms. Jones reported that we will have a program on Thursday, February 23, 2017. It will honor influential black women that are leaders here in the Dallas area. We have not started any contact with anyone but we will keep you notified of the program.

E. AIDS South Dallas Walk

Ms. Jones reported that this is a partnership with the community group and it will be there second year having it at the center. The dates have not been confirmed but it will either be the second or third Saturday in the month of March. We will notify you once all agendas have been confirmed.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Foster reported that the event is set for March 17, 2017 and it will be in the form of a scholarship. At this time there are confirmed financial donors and sponsors for the scholarship. The scholarship is set to be an annual scholarship.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported no new business at this time.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented November 2016 center manager's report. Ms. Goins asked about the tenants that have zero reported for monthly service. Ms. Jones stated that she would ask the tenants with zero activity for a report to give at first meeting of 2017. Ms. Goins stated that we need to make sure that we have flourishing tenant programs at the center. Ms. Jones reported that the center was chosen for the 2016 BET Walmart Christmas for the Holiday grant. We were one (1) of three (3) organizations that made the cut list for consideration for the grant. Ms. Erykah Badu a native of Dallas chose the center to be recognized because the center had always been a safe haven for her and the escape to a better future because of its programs. The grant was for three (3) families, and for the center to provide for those that were less fortunate for the holiday season.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

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BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters reminded everyone that Dallas is a leading city of childhood poverty. That we need to look to the future to create a poverty plan for our community. We need a plan as citizens as to how to combat poverty, we must take action. As the chair I believe in the power of the leadership at this table that together we can spark a plan that will help combat this ever growing issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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