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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A- ACTIVITY ROOM

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 - 6:30PM

MINUTESPRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters
 Mr. Nathan Rogers
 Ms. Jearldine McDaniel
 Ms. Venester Haywood
 Ms. Candace E. Wicks
 Ms. Johnnie Goins
 Mrs. Karissa N. Madison
 Rev. Donna Slater
 Mr. Stephen G. Foster
 Mr. Michael Lugo
 Mr. John Paul Lewis

ABSENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
 Mr. Kevin Malson

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

Pamela Jones, Center Manager
 LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Rev. Slater. Dr. Waters also welcomed new board member Mr. John Paul Lewis to the MLK Advisory Board.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rogers made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Lugo seconded the motion. The board approved.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Remembrance Service

Ms. Jones reported that this event took place on Monday, April 4, 2016 starting at 5:00pm at the statute. This was a great program from the speaker Rev. Edwin Robinson from Faith in Texas, the MasterMime, Councilwoman Young and the community. It was truly a great turnout for the third year.

B. Voter's Registration

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Nathan Rogers

Printed Name

Nathan Rogers

5/16/16

Signature and Date

Ms. Jones reported that this event is a partnership with community activists that are working to get people registered to vote. The event took place on Saturday, April 2, 2016 10:00am-1:00pm. The turnout was not a great as we had expected. But, the partners were able to register those that came as well as make corrections for those already registered to vote.

C. Volunteer Appreciation

Ms. Jones reported that this event took place on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Staff members took a different direction and served breakfast and lunch. The breakfast crowd was good but the bulk of turnout was during the lunch hours. The volunteers seemed to appreciate this new approach.

D. Cinco de Mayo

Ms. Jones reported that the center will partner with the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. We will be taking our MLK Center Seniors and ChildCare Group over for the event. The event will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm. There will be a keynote speaker and we will bring items from the MLK Center to enhance the program.

E. MLK Multicultural Affair

Ms. Jones reported that this event will showcase local talent/artist of the DFW Metroplex in the areas of fashion, music, and art. The event will take place on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Women's Museum from 8:00pm-12:00am. It is a themed event with All White Attire. We will have a number of vendors and artists, and we look forward to it being an excellent event. This is a fundraiser so all proceeds will return to the center. The event is gaining attention but the ticket purchases are still lacking. So, we are hoping the closer we get to the event date, the purchase of tickets will become greater.

F. Juneteenth Celebration

Rev. Slater reported that she was happy to chair the event again this year and will be meeting with staff before the next board meeting.

G. 40th Anniversary Statue

Ms. Wicks reported and presented the program for the Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 12:00pm. During this event we are looking to honor those that worked to have the statute installed. Ms. Wicks is also requesting that the board helps to develop a theme for the event. County Commissioner Price will be in attendance for the event. This event is still a work in progress but looking for a great turnout of support from the community of this weekend celebration.

H. 35th Annual MLK Celebration

Mr. Rogers requested that Ms. Jones update the board. Ms. Jones reported that we have submitted the letters of request to seven (7) speakers and hope to have an answer by May 2, 2016. We are currently looking for a venue to hold the 2017 MLK Celebration and requesting the bid for the event. At this time no further answers surrounding the 2017 parade and the final closure have taken place for the 2016 MLK Parade.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported that she did attend the council meeting in March 2016 and reported the needs of the community center. She also encouraged everyone to reach out to their appointed councilmember and explain the needs of the MLK Center. At this time there are no further actions to report.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Waters reported that this committee needs a chair. The work of this committee is to honor Dr. Jerry Chambers for the work he had done in creating the Freedom Ride for the children of the DFW Metroplex. It will be the work of the committee to decide how Dr. Chambers' legacy will be honored through the MLK Advisory Board.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the March 2016.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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