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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A - ACTIVITY ROOM
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters
Ms. Candice E. Wicks
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Ms. Venester J. Haywood
Rev. Donna Slater
Ms. Elaine Sacks
Ms. Dianne Gibson

ABSENT

Mr. Nathan Rogers
Mr. Stephen G. Foster
Mr. John Paul Lewis
Mrs. Karissa N. Madison

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 6:52PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Rev. Slater.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting for the month of August was a board training session, no minutes to approve.

2017 MLK ADVISORY BOARD RETREAT

Ms. Jones reported that the retreat was full of important information to help the board complete their work of service to the community. Ms. Sacks stated that the presenters were very knowledgeable and gave good information to help each board member. Ms. Haywood and Rev. Slater agreed that the training was great and very informative. MS. Wicks also agreed that it was a good training that also gave opportunity to get ahead of the work and start the draft of Board's Annual Report.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Jones further reported that the members that were present at the retreat started the work for the 2017 Annual Report. This document is a report of the board's work for 2017, and is due to the City Manager's Office February 1, 2018. The report should fully outline all work created by the board.

Approval of Minutes:

LaRhonda Bacon
Printed Name

LaRhonda Bacon 10/16/17
Signature and Date

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Back to School

Ms. Jones reported that the event was a success. We serviced over 2,700 students with school supplies, and over 1,000 school uniforms were given to students. There were over 20 vendors at the event to service the students and their families. The vendors had additional school supplies that were given out to assist the students and families in a great start for the new school year.

B. Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Ms. Jones reported that we will have a panel discussion inclusive of State Representative Roberto Alonzo, Mr. Hector Garcia, and Mr. David Noguera on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 11:00am. We will have entertainment from the Silver Bullet Dancers. This is a joint event with the West Dallas Multipurpose Center and food will be served. We have invited the community and all sources of media, we look for this to be another great event.

C. Harambee Festival

Ms. Sacks reported that the community steering committee is meeting and planning for a successful event. They are planning the children's activities, memorial releases, and entertainment. Ms. Jones added that the committee is in a great place as they have worked to be financially strong to cover event cost. The event will be Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 11am-5pm on campus, and we look forward to another great event.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the June, July, and August reports. Ms. Jones also reported that we had a successful Day of Dignity event. This is an event that is partnered with the DFW USA Islam Relief Coalition where food, clothing, household items, and a hot meal is given during the event. As well as opportunity for TXU Energy customers can get their bills paid. We serviced over 1,500 people throughout the event. Ms. Jones also reported that the 2018 MLK Celebration is still in the planning phase and we are awaiting final approval from upper management for release of activities. We hope to have all things surrounding the MLK Celebration finalized in the upcoming month.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Ms. Jones had no other citizen's concerns to report. Ms. Gibson requested that the board put their accolades in writing to upper management regarding the great work the center staff is doing in the community. This way the new leadership will be knowledgeable of the work as well as the appointed councilmembers. Ms. Haywood requested that the Ad Hoc Committee be added back to the agenda for the upcoming work of the board.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters spoke of the journey and growth of the board as he leaves effective September 30, 2017. That he has enjoyed the work of the board and what together has been accomplished. That he knows that greater is in store for the MLK Advisory Board. Best Wishes.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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