

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, July 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson and an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the June 4 meeting were read and accepted with a correction.

President's Report

Governor Sununu has issued a proclamation officially recognizing June 19 as "Juneteenth Day" in New Hampshire. This is the first time that Juneteenth has been recognized by a New Hampshire Governor. Rogers will present the Official Proclamation to the heritage museum.

Rogers and the ACLU have issued a joint letter to UNH's new President James Dean, welcoming him to New Hampshire and requesting a meeting with him as soon as possible.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion will hold a listening session in Nashua on July 26. Further sessions will be held in Manchester, Conway, Laconia, and Hanover in the following weeks.

Rogers took part in a scholarship awards ceremony at Dover High School on June 13 to present a check to Chafik Nadim, who will be attending UNH this fall.

Rogers attended a meeting with the representatives of the Indonesian Community Connect organization on June 20, at the Dover Police Station. Present were three members of Indonesian Community Connect, Commissioner of Safety John Barthelmes, State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner, Strafford county Sheriff Bill Dubois, and new Dover Police Chief Bill Brault. A further meeting is planned with the Police Chiefs of Dover, Rochester, Somersworth, and Portsmouth to coordinate their issues on immigration.

At the meeting, in response to reports of stops and interrogations by State Police, it was noted that roadblocks have been set up on Rt. 93 by ICE enforcement agents wearing uniforms that resemble those of the State Police.

Rogers noted that Dover Chief of Police Anthony Colarusso has developed a policy of not stopping people based on their race or ethnic background, nor will they be asked about their immigration status.

Rogers will give a presentation to the NH Minority Business Coalition on July 26 in Manchester, where he will outline his plans on minority recruitment for employment and internships, and low interest rates to minority homebuyers. Sixty corporations in NH are contributing to support these efforts, in an effort to increase diversity in the state.

Ongoing Business

Sean McGhee reported on the present status of student affairs at UNH and the quality of student life on campus. There is still work to be done before students, particularly minority students, can feel that they are being heard and supported by the administration.

Plans were made for the annual picnic on August 5, with members volunteering for set up, clean up, provisions, and music.

New Business

Bat Kaddy reported that none of Portsmouth's Black organizations were represented in the time capsule prepared to commemorate the opening of the new Sarah Mildred Long Memorial Bridge. Jon Ring suggested that we check to make sure these organizations are represented in the 2023 celebration of Portsmouth's 400th anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Elsemore
Secretary