

NAACP Seacoast Branch 2070 Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2020

Branch Membership Meeting Present: Jim “Bat” Kaddy, Sandi Clark Kaddy, Jody Hoffer Gittell, Nur Shoop, Frances Elsemore, Brad Randolph, Anne Romney, Betty Lane, Carol & John Merrifield, Beth Collea, Jonathan Ring, and Allyson Ryder (arrived at 6:55).

1. Meeting was convened at 6:35 pm. Nur informed the Branch that President Rogers Johnson experienced shortness of breath this weekend, and he has been admitted to the Hospital for evaluation. His Covid-19 test was negative. He will be in our thoughts and prayers. She said that National NAACP has directed that no in-person meetings be held until January. Secretary Frances Elsemore was unable to record minutes, so Assistant Secretary Jonathan Ring did so.
2. Betty Lane led the Branch in prayer.
3. Secretary Elsemore read the Minutes of October 5, which were approved as written.
4. Nur made a report on the NEAC Convention, which went very well. They want to form an Education Committee with two members from each Branch to encourage increased mention and awareness of African-American history and culture throughout our states in the future. All agreed that this education is now severely lacking.
5. Nur said that the NAACP Youth Council is working on activities, but Covid-19 has slowed them down. Jody will write a \$2,500 check for money transfer into their account. Nur mentioned that the Youth Council attended the President Barack Obama Photograph Exhibition at SAACC in Portsmouth, thanks to Sandi’s invitation, which was quite inspiring. They struggle with on-line schooling due to the Covid Pandemic.
6. Sandi noted that Courtney Dalbec of the Dover Dream Team Group and the Youth Council made an excellent presentation recently during a Voting Program, which included four panelists.
7. There was much discussion about the heavy workload for President Rogers Johnson, and the possible sharing of responsibilities, so that he can rest more often. Betty offered to help with a speakers bureau on racism issues, if desired.
8. A motion was made and approved to invite the Reverend Robert Thompson of Exeter to run for 3rd Vice President of this Branch in the January election. It was reported that he is stepping down as Chair of the Black Heritage Trail of NH. Sandi will reach out to him.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Ring, Assistant Secretary