

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, February 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson, an invocation by President Emeritus Fred Ross, and roundtable introductions.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jody Hoffer Gittell shared the Financial Report for February and the Report for the MLK breakfast. The reports were accepted as presented.

President's Report

Governor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion

President Rogers Johnson reported that the Governor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion has released recommendations to the Governor on items they believe should be addressed in this budget cycle. Rogers distributed a copy of the recommendations.

The Council continues to hold listening sessions in communities around the state. At every listening session the need has been expressed for diversity training for every educator in the state. There has also been a request for a special session for members of the deaf community.

Another expressed need is for a system of bus transportation in New Hampshire. The Council has recommended to the Governor that the state invest in a mass transit bus system throughout the state.

The Council will urge the New Hampshire State Board of Education to include more diversity in the Social Studies curriculum. In addition, it will encourage the selection of a person of color to be appointed next year to the New Hampshire State Board of Education.

MLK Breakfast

Despite the cold weather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the MLK Breakfast Committee showed extraordinary leadership in producing an outstanding event. Rogers noted that the MLK Breakfast has become a major event in the Seacoast area.

21 Day Racial Equality Project Event

Rogers has been invited by University of New Hampshire staff members to participate in the 21 Day Racial Equality Project Event and will meet with planners of the event to learn more about what is involved.

Portsmouth Listens

Rogers will attend a meeting on February 14 of the Portsmouth Listens organization, to discuss racial diversity issues.

Press conference re Dover High School

Rogers announced that NEAC President Juan Cofield will hold a press conference at the Dover Town Hall on February 5 to address the situation developing at Dover High School following a racially charged incident in a classroom. He encouraged Seacoast NAACP members to attend the conference.

Committee Reports

MLK Breakfast Committee

The Committee will hold a follow-up meeting to review the 2019 breakfast and begin planning for 2020.

Youth Council

NEAC has asked each NEAC Branch to make an effort to restart a Youth Council. Nur Shoop reported that she is cautiously optimistic that there may be enough interest in Kittery and Dover to form NAACP Chapters in the high schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Elsemore
Secretary