

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

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

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the October 7 meeting were read and accepted with two corrections.

**President's Report**

Rogers Johnson reported that The Governor's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion would hold a report writing session on November 12, and would meet with the new Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division later in November.

President Johnson reported on the resignation of Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent of the Hampton School District. Another incident of racial bullying involving a mixed-race Hispanic child seems to have happened during the same time as the incidents involving the Cochrane child. Rogers noted a lack of concern in the Hampton School District for assuring that the civil rights of students are respected and protected, and a failure by the School Board and school personnel to take appropriate action to protect these rights, even when the process for doing so is laid out by law. The Department of Education Office of Civil Rights has opened an investigation into the incident with the Cochrane child.

A meeting has been scheduled for November 5 with the UNH Department of Education to discuss the narrative of the Cochrane incident.

Planning is underway for the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast which will take place on January 20. Rogers has met with the Rev. Frank Newsome of North Church, who as in past years will hold an MLK, Jr. prayer service on the afternoon of January 19. We will coordinate with him and Sandi Kaddy to present a series of events to commemorate the day.

Rogers urged everyone who can to lend a hand to make this event a success as in past years.

The 2020 NAACP Annual Convention will be held in Boston, in July. Information will be forthcoming regarding the involvement of our Branch.

Rogers urged members to attend the Portsmouth Listens community discussions scheduled for November 7 at the Portsmouth Middle School Café, and on November 14 and 21 in the Portsmouth High School Auditorium. The meetings are held from 6:30 to 8:30.

NEAC will hold its quarterly meeting in Providence in December.

**Ongoing Business**

Nur Shoop reported that the Youth Chapter (Council?) has held its first meeting and elected a slate of officers. Fred Ross, who also attended the meeting, spoke of the fine impression made by the young people at the meeting, noting that they are articulate, and more aware of important issues than many adults.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Elsemore  
Secretary