

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070  
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT  
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, November 5, 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 October 1 meeting were read and accepted with a correction.

Following the reading of the minutes, it was noted that the date of the next meeting of the MLK Breakfast Committee was correctly stated in the minutes as October 16, but was later changed to October 12.

**President's Report**

The Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion has held listening sessions in Lancaster, Keene, and Claremont. Additional listening sessions will be scheduled for Concord, Lebanon, Hanover, and Plymouth. A previous session was successfully held in Concord for community members with disabilities such as blindness and impaired hearing.

Rogers spoke on October 24 to several classes in diversity and inclusion at the SAU 16 Cooperative Middle School in Stratham. He was encouraged to see that some students are beginning to think about these issues.

Rogers plans to visit all ninety-five New Hampshire school districts to see how they incorporate diversity in their curriculum. Listening sessions have shown that community members want more diversity in the curricula and more teachers of color in K-12 (kindergarten through 12th grade) classes. Rogers raised the question of how we can achieve this. He noted that once the planning for the implementation and financing of diversity training is in place, we can apply for funding from the Governor's Budget Committee.

**Election of Officers**

At the request of President Rogers Johnson, the Secretary read the list of nominees put forth by the nominating committee, as follows: President, Rogers Johnson; First Vice-President, James "Bat" Kaddy; Second Vice-President, Freddy Ross; Secretary, Frances Elsemore; Assistant Secretary, Jon Ring; Treasurer, Jody Hoffer-Gittell.

President Johnson called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominees were elected by acclamation.

**Committee Reports**

**MLK Breakfast Committee**

An invitation to the breakfast will be sent to police departments in the area.

We are receiving donations to help with the cost of hosting the event.

The committee is considering the best way to provide seating for the large number of attendees expected.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Veterans Day.

**Freedom Fund Dinner**

Jody Hoffer-Gittell volunteered to serve as Chair of the Freedom Fund Committee. Irving Heughan volunteered to serve as a committee member.

**New Business**

Jody reported on the service held at South Church in response to the recent killing of eleven people at a synagogue in Pittsburg. She suggested that there be a way for a message to go out to members alerting them to opportunities to participate in such responses. It was suggested that the NAACP might become a member of an interfaith network.

**Other Business**

The question was asked whether the NAACP has taken, or will take, a position on gun control. There will be further conversation regarding this issue at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Frances Elsemore