

NAACP Seacoast Branch 2070 Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2017

A. Executive Committee Meeting Present: Rogers Johnson, James "Bat" Kaddy, Jody Hoffer Gittell, Sandy Clark, Phyllis Killam-Abell, Irving Heugan, Nur Shoop, Brad Randolph, Jon Ring.

1. Meeting was convened at 6:01 pm. Frances Elsemore was not present, so Jon was asked by Rogers to record the Minutes.
 2. President Rogers Johnson summarized topics for the Branch General Membership Meeting this evening. There was much discussion.
 3. Executive Session was closed at 6:30 pm.
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B. Branch Membership Meeting Present: Rogers Johnson, and all members of the above Executive Committee, plus many others (see meeting sign-in sheet) - total of 16 folk.

1. Meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.
2. Chaplain Irving Heugan lead us in prayer. Amen to that !!
3. There was no Secretary Report this evening.
4. Treasurer Report was given by Jody Hoffer Gittell, which was approved as presented.
5. It was noted that Fred Ross is currently in a Rehab Facility in Dover. Jody mentioned that her husband, Ross, fell recently and broke his hip; he is recovering nicely.
6. Jon Ring gave a brief report on the 2018 Seacoast NAACP MLK Breakfast Committee planning for the January 15th Celebration to be held at the South Church in Portsmouth. All is proceeding very nicely. There was a motion made and approved to spend \$300 for rental of South Church space. The next Committee Meeting is 11/16 at 6 pm.
7. Sandy Clark said that the NAACP Website is being updated, which was last done in 2005. All were very excited. There was much discussion.
8. President's Report by Rogers Johnson:
 - a. He is working to attract Seacoast School Administrators to attend the MLK 2018 Breakfast, and to offer NAACP assistance with their school activities.
 - b. He has continued meetings to address concerns about recent racial incidents with UNH Administration Officials, Oyster River School Administrators, and NH Attorney General Gordon MacDonald. He has met with US Attorney John Farley office to update about the current status. The Department of Justice is not pleased with responses. It appears that Seacoast NAACP may be asked to help lead diversity training in the State. This will take time to orchestrate. There was much discussion.

- c. Nur made a motion to form a Committee to organize a Sit-In Protest at UNH for February 2018 to show support for Students of Color regarding the Cinco de Mayo situation, and continued issues. Second by David Holt; motion approved.
9. After some discussion, a Scholarship Committee was formed to include Robert McGann, Rogers Johnson, Nur Shupe, Phyllis Killam-Abell. Interested volunteers should contact Robert.
10. There were several announcements of current events and local activities.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Ring, Assistant Secretary