

SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING June 5, 2017

The meeting was brought 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 May 1 meeting were read and accepted.

President's Report

President Rogers Johnson reported that the May 20 NEAC Hall of Fame Dinner was well attended and was enjoyed by all. We look forward to next year's event.

Our Branch hosted the NEAC Quarterly Meeting on June 3. Presidents of branches in the New England region presented overviews of their Branch activities and concerns, and those in attendance participated in a dialogue about these concerns.

Over 85 people, including 25 police officers, attended the May 17 Community Dialogue Meeting at UNH. We now have a strong relationship with all 25 police departments in the Seacoast area and are working with them to prevent problems and to solve any problems that arise.

Rogers noted that our work in collaboration with police departments in the area has resulted in declining numbers in NH of minority juveniles involved with the Justice Department.

Rogers hopes to establish an NAACP Chapter at the University of New Hampshire.

Rogers has been asked to join a Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee being set up by the Portsmouth Police Department and out-going Police Chief David Mara. Rogers noted that this involvement is a direct result of the Community Dialogue event.

Rogers has also been asked to rejoin the New Hampshire Civil Rights Commission. This is a Federal appointment, and Rogers will be a representative for the US Department of Justice on a June 16 federal panel dealing with civil rights issues in NH.

Rogers reported that SB3, which changes the definition of domicile for voter registration purposes, was passed 191-162. The bill will now go to the desk of Governor Chris Sununu, who is expected to sign it into law. Passage of the bill may have been influenced by a report that 94,000 NH individuals registered to vote in NH are also registered in another state. Checking is now underway to see if those with double registration actually voted, since double registration can occur for other reasons than voter fraud.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MLK Breakfast Committee

The next committee meeting will take place on June 13 at the Portsmouth Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Members shared and discussed concerns about racial incidents taking place at UNH.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Elsemore
Secretary