

NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, October 5, 2020

9 members and 2 guests attended the meeting in person at the Pease Tradeport location, and 8 members participated via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson and a round of introductions.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the September 14 meeting were read and accepted.

President's Report

Rogers met with Governor Sununu to discuss which aspects of LEACT (the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency) will be enacted by Executive Order and which will require legislation to enact. To increase police credibility and accountability, LEACT will act to provide additional police training.

Rogers met with the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion to discuss what actions will be taken to expend the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds to further enhance New Hampshire's response to the COVID -19 pandemic.

The NH State Advisory Council on Civil Rights held a meeting to discuss and evaluate aspects of solitary confinement, used in the NH prison system as a punitive measure or for safety reasons. He noted that the State prisons need to provide more rehabilitation in order to get more individuals out of prison.

Rogers held a meeting with Latonia Wallace of the Bangor Savings Bank to discuss how the bank might be of assistance to the Seacoast NAACP and the Governor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion. He noted that religious groups as well as businesses in NH are reaching out to the NAACP to ask how they can help to counter racism.

On Friday, October 2, Rogers will meet with members of the NH Faith Based Community to discuss how they can help with the communications effort to counter racism in NH.

The Branch is expected to select six delegates to the NEAC Annual Convention to be held via Zoom from Thursday, October 22 to Sunday, October 25. The Branch will pay the delegate fee for Branch members interested in participating in the Convention.

Rogers will meet with 7th and 8th grade classes in SAU 19 to discuss issues of race equity and overcoming obstacles for people of color. Members spoke of the need to begin these discussions at an early age, before negative attitudes have become entrenched.

New Business

A young biracial couple described the problems and hostility they have encountered in an intentional community which they had joined with hope and positive expectations, and asked for help from the Branch in dealing with their situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Frances Elsemore