

**PORTSMOUTH NAACP, BRANCH 2070  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JUNE 7, 2010  
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Fred Ross, with an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the May 3 meeting were read and accepted.

**President's Report**

President Fred Ross, Freddy Ross, Nina Jordan, and Rogers Johnson attended the NEAC meeting on June 5. The emphasis at the meeting was on raising membership numbers by 6% by the end of June.

Our Branch is in full compliance with National requirements, with sufficient membership and all assessments paid.

Fred noted the abrupt retirement of Helen Thomas as a columnist for Hearst News Service, after a 67 year career in journalism and 36 years as White House correspondent, because of recent inappropriate and biased remarks concerning the Jewish presence in Palestine.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fundraising**

Freddy Ross raised the possibility of holding another fundraiser in the fall, an event involving less intense planning and preparation and focusing on sociability and good music. We would have to find a date not in conflict with activities already scheduled by SAACC and the Black Heritage Trail.

**Legal Committee**

The committee has received a complaint via phone concerning an inmate allegedly held for an excessive length of time in solitary lock-down. Although complaints to be acted upon must be submitted on a signed form, Nina will take preliminary steps to investigate the matter.

The committee receives bulletins from Bully Free NH, and Nina has written them that they have our support. She has recommended training for educators, to help them create an atmosphere of inclusion in their schools. Children also need help in learning to be advocates for one another, and to know what actions they can take as bystanders when they witness bullying. Nina suggested that such training should be required for staff development, noting that the training would have to be funded in order to be mandated.

Rogers Johnson added to the report that money is available for such training from the Department of Education, but Concord is not accessing the funds.

**Media and Publicity**

Co-chair Rogers Johnson got notice of the June meeting into the local papers.

**Veterans' Affairs**

Dom Domingo announced that the traditional July 4 ceremonies will take place at the Veterans' Cemetery in Boscawen.

**Youth Council**

Youth Council members have been invited to meet the pilots who will fly the planes in the air

show scheduled to take place at the Pease Tradeport in August.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

The Secretary noted a correction to the Website address given at a previous meeting for the NAACP Interactive Historical Timeline. The correct address is [www.naacphistory.org](http://www.naacphistory.org).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fred presented certificates of appreciation to Frances Elsemore, Rogers Johnson, Curtis Lewis, Freddy Ross, Karen Ross Tuncok, and Rita Weir. The work and contributions of other members will be presented in the near future.

After the round table, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Elsemore

Secretary