

MLK Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
RHPD Substation, 46 Sunset Dr.
12 Noon
Janelle Morris, Chair
Dr. Sylvia Berry, Co-Chair

Members Present: Dr. Sylvia Berry, John Gregory, Stephen Loney, Glenda Schock,
Dr. Karis Clarke, Wakita Barksdale
Tan Barber, Staff Liaison

- Meeting was called to order by Dr. Sylvia Berry, Co-chair
- Minutes for March 19, 2013 was motioned and 2nd to receive as information (L. Schock and S. Loney)
- The trip to the MLK Center was very enjoyable. Ten children and eight adults traveled to Atlanta on April 1, 2013. Special Thank you to Ellen Wilder-Byrd and Twana Burris for putting together travel packages and to our bus drivers, Jason Weil and Thomas R. Jones.
- Stephen Loney needs t-shirt sizes for all participating student.
- Other observations for future reference when planning the next trip
 1. Although we had bus assignments, it will be good to voice chaperone and student assignment.
 2. Set a point of contact for everyone to meet every so often during the trip.
 3. Make a list of at least 10 things the students can look for during their visit.
- Total Trip Expense: \$705.06
- Reference other Committee Projects: Tan will check with Carol Harvey about their “Feed the Hungry” Project.
- The Committee could consider a Leadership Workshop with community leaders present to tell the function of each group.

Make a list of what is available in the community....a Calendar of Events/Dates. It was suggested to keep an updated “Master List” of all the activities/events/happenings in the community...hopefully to get others involved and supporting each other. The Committee can have other organizations send their information to be distributed with the Master List. Wakita Barksdale was selected to take the lead on this project and to see what’s already available.
- Education Sub-Committee:
 - Considering the possibility of adding an Oratorical Contest for the High School Students
 - The committee will also consider doing an overnight trip with the winners...more information and possible locations will be presented to the committee at a later date.
 - The committee also talked about using youth as key note speakers for the Prayer Breakfast.
 - Revamp the Prayer Breakfast program to make sure closing comments are not too long.
- City Council’s response to the Committee’s recommendation on membership:

Letter submitted to City Council:

To: Rock Hill City Council
From: MLK Committee
Date: March 19, 2013

The MLK Committee respectfully submits this letter to the members of the City Council with the request that the membership of the committee be reduced from 23 to 15 members. The Committee continues to have issues with active membership. The Committee originally thought by restructuring the committee to reflect an Executive Board, business transactions could be

handled in a more proficient manner. This has not been the case. There are times when we still don't have enough members to meet a quorum for the Executive Board. The MLK Staff Liaison sends meeting reminders and also emails encouraging non-active members to attend. They may attend one or two meetings; then stop attending again. For this reason and because Long-term membership vacancies have become a growing concern, the Committee has revisited its bylaws.

Currently, thirteen members actively attend meetings, plus one adhoc committee member from Winthrop University. Since Jason Weil and Tanya Tucker's applications were approved, this makes 15 members plus the one Ad-hoc member. We wish to make the following provisions to the MLK Bylaws:

- The MLK Committee shall consist of 15 voting members who must reside within the Rock Hill School District Three boundaries.
- Revise the Bylaws to dissolve the Executive Board and allow a majority of the membership, eight (8) members to constitute a quorum.

The Committee has discussed this problem and feels that a reduction in membership will make for a better manageable group.

The City Council has accepted the proposal and gives their permission for the MLK Committee to decrease the membership from 23 to 15 members, dissolve the Executive Board and to change the By-Laws to read as follows:

A minimum of one-half the active membership plus one are required to be present at Board meetings in order to constitute a quorum required to transact business. Board actions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present (provided there is a quorum), with each member having one vote.

- **Discussion for next meeting:** Any other special MLK project(s) for the remaining year and Speaker for 2014 Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No Room for Racism Youth Forum
Against the Odds: An Inspirational Discussion about Overcoming Adversity
Thursday, April 25, 2013 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- **CLOSING PRAYER....Wakita Barksdale**
- **MEETING ADJOURN** **Next meeting – May 21, 2013 12:00 Noon**