



Salem Keizer Branch NAACP General Membership Meeting Minutes

Chemekata Community College

Building #9, Room 112

Salem, OR 97301

June 3, 2019

6 p.m.

in Attendance: **13**

The general membership meeting of the Salem Keizer Branch of the NAACP to order at 6:10 p.m. Invocation was read in unison. A sign-in sheet was provided for persons in attendance.

Minutes: Shelly Ehenger, Secretary

Minutes of the May 2019 General Membership meeting were posted to the website for review and consideration. *Helene Richardson moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Wallace. The motion carried.*

Old Business:

- The floor was open for members to provide feedback on the SKNAACP Strategic Plan. No comments were received. Members were reminded that the plan is a living document and regular reports will be made at General Membership meetings.
- A reminder regarding the 2019 Juneteenth Celebration was provided. Volunteer sheets were made available.
- A brief overview of the recent SKSD election results was announced. Working with SKSD is a primary focus of the branch.

New Business:

- Marion County Health Department officials provided a detailed presentation on the current health data related to STDs and other communicable diseases in communities of color. The presentation urged involvement from SKNAACP and other community of color organizations to talk with persons about how to prevent and protect themselves from health disparities. This is a public health crisis in Marion County. Testing, counseling, treatment and other interventions are available. The outreach plan includes a health van. The van will be at the Juneteenth event.
- Robert Wallace, Executive Director, Steppingstone Mentoring provided an overview of the organization and efforts made to impact the lives of youth in Salem. Volunteers are welcome to contact Mr. Wallace at steppingstonementoring@gmail.com.

Education Committee Report:

- Cynthia Richardson provided an update on legislative actions including the passage of the Student Success Act (HB 3427), passage of the SKSD 2019-2020 budget, 2019 Commencement schedule and an overview of the SK African American / Black Student Graduation Celebration which was held on June 2.

Membership Committee Report:

- Helen Richardson, Membership Chair, encouraged everyone to join, renew and recruit new members.

With no other business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Ehenger, Secretary