



Salem Keizer Branch NAACP General Membership Meeting Minutes

Chemekata Community College

Building #9, Room 112

Salem, OR 97301

September 3, 2019

6 p.m.

The general membership meeting of the Salem Keizer Branch of the NAACP took place at 6:05 p.m. Invocation was led by Cynthia Richardson. A sign-in sheet was provided for persons in attendance.

Minutes:

Minutes of the June 2019 General Membership meeting were reviewed. Cynthia Richardson moved to accept the minutes with correction regarding Lt. Chris Baldrige's title. The motion was seconded by Pastor Marilyn Williams. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- A briefing on the 2019 Freedom Fund Banquet was led by Pastor Marilyn Williams. The annual event will be held on October 19 at the Salem Convention Center. Tickets sales are online only. All members were encouraged to purchase tickets, promote the event and assist in finding sponsors. Sponsorship letters were provided. This is the sole fundraising activity of the branch.

New Business:

- President Williams provided information regarding the NAACP Alaska Oregon Washington State Area Conference (AOWSAC) scheduled to be held September 13-15, 2019 in Spokane Washington. Election of officers will be held during the event which is held in odd years. The SKNAACP unit will need to approve delegates to represent the branch at the convention.
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** *Kristi Negri moved that Cynthia Richardson and Shelly Ehenger serve as branch delegates at the conference, with an alternate to be selected in case one of the appointees is unable to attend. The motion was seconded by Pastor Williams. The motion carried.*
- President Williams announced officer positions that are currently vacant. They included: Communication Chair, Political Action Committee Chair, Housing Chair, Labor and Industry Chair. Members were encouraged to volunteer to serve.

- Dr. Williams briefed the members on the Strategic Plan progress. Public feedback is complete, and the plan will be finalized. The document will be placed on the website.
- President Williams announced that the City of Salem will be recognizing his volunteer work on September 16. The event will be held from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Salem Public Library.

Special Presentation:

- Willamette student, Niki Kates presented discoveries, challenges and thoughts on “Restorative Justice” at the Oregon State Penitentiary. This was the second presentation that to provide insight, lessons learned, model programs and how NAACP can be a part of the solution.

Legal Redress Committee Report:

- Kristi Negri provided an update on actions taken by the City of Silverton to begin community conversations regarding race relations. The Committee has been active in other areas in Marion County.

Education Committee Report:

- Cynthia Richardson provided an update on SKSD efforts regarding the Student Success Act. She thanked members for their input. She also announced that Dr. Richardson has been appointed co-chair of the Student Success Act Task Force. on new Dress Code and school district improvements.
- Branch member Paul Krissel asked the Education Chair for an update on AAYLC. As a member of the AAYLC Board he mentioned that a Board meeting had not been called in the past two years and was seeking clarity as to the activities of the organization he helped establish. A discussion ensued. Salient points included:
 - AAYLC will be held at Linfield College in April 2020.
 - AAYLC is a 501(c) 3 entity.
 - AAYLC is working on creating another nonprofit You Lead Oregon.
 - NAACP Unit is responsible for creating AAYLC and it should remain a component unit of the branch.
 - NAACP Unit must be part of future conversation and any decision making as it relates to AAYLC and You Lead Oregon.

Membership Committee Report:

- Helen Richardson, Membership Chair, encouraged everyone to join, renew and recruit new members. The National NAACP has updated the website and individuals can go online, register and pay for membership with Branch #1166 by putting in your mailing address.

With no other business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Ehenger, Secretary