

Delaware County Black Caucus (DCBC) February 1, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Afia Lewis, Andrea Mathias, Angela Sammons, Anthony Williams, Arnold Jones, Asher Kemp, Brittany Forman, Candice Johnson, Darec Alliston, Darlene Hill, Darren Burrell, Diane Simon, Donald Deigh, Felecia Coffee, Joyce Lambert, Jude Arijaje, Lanna Minor, LaToya Monroe, Marah Manners, Margo Davidson, Marion Minick, Mike Africa Jr., Myron McNeely, Nicole Beaty, Nicole Whitaker, Pamela Kennebrew, Rashid Duggan, Renita Austin, Robert Wright, Rohan Hepkins, Ronell Smith, Rudy Taylor, Sekela Coles, Sharon Brokenbough, Siddiq Kamara, Sybil Bell, Taliah Jones-Waters, Tammi Forbes, Tangela James, Thaddeus Kirkland, Tory Dennis, Tyra Virden, Verna Winn, Vivian Ford, Wendell Sammons, William Felder, Yolanda Cox-Fraser, and Yvette Scott.

Additional Support Present: Dawn Chavous, Chavous Consulting, LLC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Convener William Felder at 8:13 am. DA Jack Stollsteimer will be our special guest at 8:45 am. If you have any questions write them on the question cards. There will be future opportunities to talk to him. We will talk about Leroy Evans during the Conveners update.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Myron McNeely moved to approve the December meeting minutes, Felecia Coffee seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Senator Williams moved to approve the January meeting minutes, Donald Deigh seconded. Darlene made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that she is rescinding her resignation as Treasurer. Senator Williams moved to approve the minutes as amended. Myron McNeely seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Darlene Hill gave the treasurer's report. During January we earned revenue of \$245 and our expenses were \$497.05. Our ending balance on January 31st was \$11,558.91. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Darren Burrell, Senator Williams seconded. Motion carried. Wendell Sammons asked are we in the red and do we owe any bills, Darlene Hill said no we have only one bill from January 13th.

Conveners' Report:

Convener Anthony Williams gave the Conveners Update.

- Dawn introduced Chavous Consulting's new Associate Consultant Jacinta. Jacinta lives in Woodlyn and is originally from Nigeria.
- There was a meeting with Conveners, Committee Chairs, and Vice-Chairs on January 13th at the Burger Bank. At the meeting, they discussed responsibility on levels of from conveners and getting reports going forward.
- We need to make an amendment to the bylaws. Recommended changes:

Article IV: Officers

3. Election. The officers shall be selected at the June monthly meeting of the membership, upon (7) days written notice by the Conveners, in every even-numbered year, allowing a 30-day

transition period from the outgoing officials whose term ends on June 30 to the new officials, whose term begins July 1, at a place in Delaware County at a time selected by the Conveners. The new officials shall preside over the July monthly meeting of the membership.

Sekela Coles moved to consider the amendment. Penny McDonald seconded. There were questions from the floor, Taliah Jones-Waters asked what does the amendment mean. A copy of the proposed amendment was given to everyone. Conveners need to notify members of the election of officers taking place at least 7 days prior to the meeting and the election must be held in Delaware County. Penny McDonald asked how will people be notified about the election and what is the job description of conveners. People will be notified prior to the June meeting. Wendell Sammons asked will we be expanding the number of Conveners. No, unless we consider changing it in our bylaws from five to seven. Donald Deigh asked about term limits. The term limit is two years. The motion to consider the amendment carried.

- DCBC bank account- There were questions raised about our 501c3 that were addressed. Now we need to add a signor to the bank account. There needs to a Convener along with the Treasurer as the signor. We are working on having that addressed and having a public reconciliation by the March meeting.
- The March meeting will be a public meeting.
- Moment of prayer for strength for everyone as we go through various trials and adversities.

Committee Reports:

Convener LaToya Monroe led the committee reports.

Economic Development Committee

Chair Sekela Coles gave the report. The Job Fair will be at the Delco Chamber of Commerce on Feb 29th. Refer to the committee report sent to members on January 27th.

Event Planning Committee

Chair Darlene Hill gave the report. Save the date for the June 26th anniversary dinner. Refer to the committee report sent to members on January 27th.

Finance and Fundraising Committee

Chair Darlene Hill gave the report. Refer to the committee report sent to members on January 27th. Remember to see her after the meeting to pay outstanding dues.

Communications Committee

Chair Sybil Bell gave the report. Refer to the committee report sent to members on January 27th.

Health and Welfare Committee

Chair Marah Manners gave the report. Refer to the committee report sent to members on January 27th.

Next Meeting Date:

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 8 am at Chapel of Good Shepherd, 654 Church Lane, Yeadon.

Adjournment:

Convener LaToya Monroe made a motion at 8:50 am to adjourn the membership meeting and move to the questions and answer session with DA Jack Stollsteimer, seconded by Darren Burrell. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sekela Coles, Secretary