

**City of Keene**  
**New Hampshire**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. /JONATHAN DANIELS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**

**5:00 PM**

**Trustee's Room, Library**

**Members Present:**

Derek Scalia, Chair  
Mandi Slate  
Bill Hay  
Karen Chabot  
Dottie Morris (Late)

**Staff Present:**

Nancy Vincent, Library Director

**Others Present:**

Emily Hague, Councilor

**Members Not Present:**

Ella MacDonald  
Melanie Everard

**1) Welcome and Roll Call**

Chair Scalia called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call was conducted. Chair Scalia welcomed Yves Gakunde, as a perspective member representing Antioch University.

**2) Approval of Minutes** – December 3, 2014

Ms. Chabot a made a motion to accept the minutes of December 3, 2014 with the following changes/correction: 1) correct the minutes date to reflect December 3, 2014, 2) on Page 2, under item 4.a, change the link “jonathandaniels40.org” to “jonathandaniels.org”. Ms. Slate seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**3) Finance Report**

Ms. Vincent gave the Finance Report included as Page 7 of 7 in the packet, reporting the current balance is \$7,171.18. She also noted the payment of \$1,325 to the Colonial Theatre (St. James event) invoice has not been received. Chair Scalia reported he just received the invoice and will submit it for payment.

Ms. Slate made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented. Mr. Hay seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4) **Barbara Woods**- Update on possible collaborations with other groups/organizations  
Ms. Woods was not present.

5) **Nomination of Vice-Chair** -  
Councilor Hague nominated Bill Hay for the Vice-Chair position. Ms. Chabot seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Hay accepted the position.

6) **City Proclamation** -  
Chair Scalia reported the Proclamation will be read next Thursday at the City Council meeting (7 PM). Chair Scalia encouraged members to attend. Councilor Hague will be bringing the Proclamation to the MLK Breakfast.

7) **2015 MLK, Jr. Breakfast** –  
a. **Tickets** - Chair Scalia noted he hasn't seen any advertising for the event. He will contact Mark Ferrin tomorrow to see about the Committee's 10 tickets; he will also check on where tickets are being sold. Chair Scalia pointed out the Committee did fund the event; but had no responsibilities for the publicity. Councilor Hague suggested the radio station be contacted prior to Saturday with the event information. Bill Hay offered to announce the event tomorrow on the college jazz station.

b. **Brochure** – Chair Scalia distributed copies of the brochure for review. Committee members posed no objections to the design and content.

Ms. Chabot made a motion to approve the expenditure to cover the printing of 100 copies of the brochure. Ms. Slate seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. **Membership** - Chair Scalia reported the Committee would have a full membership compliment once Mr. Gakunde comes onboard. Although there is no need to seek additional members at this time, Chair Scalia recommended members still let people know that these meetings are open to the public.

8) **Fundraising Sub-Committee Report** –  
Chair Scalia and Ms. Slate met with Nancy Ancharski before the holidays. Chair Scalia noted the state of the current donor list, and recommended the Committee continue on with its plan to send out the Jonathan Daniels birthday card. A letter will be enclosed outlining the Committee's activities and providing an opportunity for a small donation. Committee members posed no objections to this recommendation. Ms. Chabot agreed to join this sub-committee.

9) **Update on Events**-  
a. **KPL January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ms. Vincent distributed the flyer created by Gail Zachariah. A free community supper will begin at 6 PM, with the presentation by Steve Chase beginning at 6:30. Chair Scalia will connect with Ms. Slate to give her the display board and other materials before the event. Discussion ensued with regards to having the brochure ready in time for this event. Ms. Vincent offered to print them at the Library. As a result of this offer, Ms. Slate withdrew her second to the motion made above in item 7.b.

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b. Icon Exhibit – Chair Scalia reported the reception will begin at 5 PM, on April 10, 2015, at the Historical Society. A lecture by Pamela Chatterton-Purdy (artist) will begin at 6 PM. Chair Scalia noted that Jonathan Daniels is one of the icons in the exhibit. He also encouraged members to attend.

c. Colonial Theatre Event- Chair Scalia reported there are actually two events at the Colonial. “Here Am I, Send Me” with Larry Benaquist is scheduled for August 22, 2015 at 7 PM. He noted the announcement yesterday that “Selma” will be shown at the Colonial on February 21-26, 2015. Ms. Morris reported she is working on setting up a discussion after the showing; she will provide updates as this is worked out.

**10) New Business-**

1. Mr. Gakunde asked what ways the Committee has to involve students in these events. He suggested sending copies of the brochure to the schools. Councilor Hague suggested placing an article in the Equinox. Ms. Morris noted the difficulties in getting students involved; indicating she has contacted specific faculty in the past. Mr. Gakunde agreed to post notices on the Antioch bulletin boards. Ms. Vincent noted the Library is part of the co-op; suggesting information could be posted there. Chair Scalia noted that suggestions for outreach are always welcome.

**11. Adjournment-** Next meeting date is February 4, 2015

Chair Scalia adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall  
Minute Taker  
January 8, 2015