

City of Keene
New Hampshire

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

5:00 PM

Trustee's Room, Library

Members Present:

Bill Hay, Chair
Rev. Michael Hall
Dottie Morris
Yves Gakunde

Staff Present:

Meghan Spaulding, Recreation Programmer

Members Not Present:

Melanie Everard, Vice-Chair
Mandi Slate

1) Call to Order and Roll Call -

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Roll call was conducted. Chair Hay introduced Rev. Mark Ferrin from the Keene Interfaith Clergy group.

2) Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2016

Mr. Gakunde made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016 as submitted. Ms. Morris seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3) Finance Report – (Page 5 of 5)

Ms. Spaulding reported the balance remains unchanged at \$8,762.66.

Rev. Hall made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented. Ms. Morris seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4) Thank You Note – (Page 6 in the packet)

Ms. Spaulding reported she included the thank you note from Senator Molly Kelly to the Committee in the packet. The thank you note was sent in response to the Committee's support of the Center for Civic Engagement's recent Jonathan Daniels Banner Project.

5) DC Trip –

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Ms. Spaulding provided an update noting she had spoken with Wilson Bus. She distributed copies of an itinerary they provided. This 2-night, 3-day trip would take place from September 15th through September 17, 2017. Ms. Spaulding reported at least 40 people would be needed, and there is a 30 day cancellation notice required.

Ms. Spaulding commented she would need to know the Committee's desire in this regard. The consensus of those Committee members present was to proceed with this endeavor. This item will be added to the next agenda for further discussion on marketing strategies, etcetera.

6) Request of Funds- Keene Interfaith Clergy

Rev. Mark Ferrin addressed the request. He distributed a handout describing the history of the event since 2012. Rev. Ferrin noted this Committee has sponsored the event in the past. The Dr. King Annual Breakfast will take place on Monday, January 16, 2017; there will be a \$10.00 charge per person for the event. Rev. Ferrin reported the total budget is \$900.00 and the request to the Committee is \$500.00 to cover the costs of the speakers. He continued the event is open to all. The purpose of the program is to bring our community together to discuss peace and justice along with possible actions. This program furthers the mission of the Committee by promoting educational awareness of Dr. King and Jonathan Daniels. The Committee will be recognized through the event advertising and also by taking part in the program. Rev. Ferrin also noted Committee members can attend without charge. Guest speakers for the event are Rich and Sandra Neil Wallace; discussion will be on their new book "Blood Brother".

In response to Chair Hay, Rev. Ferrin indicated if the full amount requested is not approved other funding sources will have to be approached. Ms. Spaulding also advised Rev. Ferrin the Committee would not be taking a vote at this meeting per the approved procedure. This item will be added to the next agenda at which time the Committee will take a vote.

Mr. Gakunde motioned to accept this request for consideration. Ms. Morris seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7) New Business –

1. A brief discussion ensued with regards to new members. The Committee is in need of two members; preferably one student and one adult. Chair Hay suggested Committee members think about this for discussion at the next meeting.

8) Adjourn-

There being no further business Chair Hay adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.

Next meeting date: January 4, 2017

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute Taker
December 7, 2016