

November 9, 2020

Attendees: Ron Bullock, Sarah Mayfield, Telessie McGhee, Ethel Anderson, William Betts, David Smith, Helen Amis, Wilma Moore, Mike Felts, Dennis Daniel, Archer Wilkins, Rev. Gooch, Harold Slaughter, Mary Cordrey, Tito Montoya, John Wimbush, Bessye McGhee, Quon Bridges Dr. Cozart and Patrice Wilkerson

Rev. Gooch called the meeting to order via Zoom.

Prayer by Dennis Daniel, Pledge of Allegiance by Harold Slaughter

Minutes were approved.

Public Comments: N/A

Old Business: N/A

Committee Reports:

Program and Planning- Ethel Anderson

Mrs. Anderson said that our focus now is to move forward with the MLK Annual Program coming up in January. She said the program will be virtual instead of having it at the church. She noted that the committee will be working on the program. She said that as far as any other programs in the future, it would have to be virtual.

William Betts said the speaker will be Rev. Jeanette Paschall, Pastor of United Christian Fellowship Baptist Church.

Rev. Gooch stated that we will use the Expo Center for the MLK Program. He said he is trying to do the program within an hour. He noted that we will do the advertising through various newspapers and radio so people will be aware of it.

William Betts added that Rev. Jeanette Pascall will send her resume to Patrice.

David Smith asked if any of the members on the Robert Blackwell Award Committee have anyone they want to nominate to please let someone from the Committee know.

Education - Rev. Tony Cozart (was not on the zoom call during this time)

Social - TBD

No Report

Publicity - Telessie McGhee

No Report

Grievance - Telessie McGhee

No Report

New Business

Rev. Gooch said he had talked to Tito about some activities that we can do in the future.

Tito said he had talked about ways to help the community with anything related to COVID but that is still in progress.

Ethel Anderson said if there are any changes or mandates at the state level, then we want to make sure we are positioned to do everything via zoom. She said we need to have a plan in place.

Rev. Gooch said that as soon as we have a plan in place, he will get Patrice to send an email out to the members.

Patrice said the City of Oxford is having a reverse Christmas Parade. The participants in the parade will be stationed in certain areas and people attending the parade will be able to drive through. She was asking the Committee members if they were interested in participating. Telessie McGhee said he will be able to drive.

Ethel Anderson was asking about social distancing in a car.

Rev. Gooch said because of social distance, the most people that can be in the car would be 2 people.

Rev. Gooch asked if the information was mailed out to the schools for the MLK Essay Contest. Ethel Anderson said Patrice sent the information out to the schools.

Telessie McGhee said Gene Troy will have a workshop through zoom tomorrow between 1:45 – 4:30 p.m. covering COVID-19, fair housing, human trafficking, etc.

Motion to adjourn: 1st motion by John Wimbush, 2nd motion by Dr. Cozart

Minutes submitted by Patrice D. Wilkerson