

HRC Meeting - August 12, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chair John Gooch

Present - John Gooch, Helen Amis, Linda Jordon, Dr. Tony Cozart, David Smith, Bessye McGhee, Michael Felts, William Betts, Harold Slaughter, Ethel Anderson Mary Cordrey, Patrice Wilkerson, Wilma Moore

Excused Absences

Welcome - Commissioner David Smith

Items distributed: HRC Calendars, Financial Report, Municipal Candidate Forum Memorandum

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer - David Smith

Pledge - Harold Slaughter

Janet Parrott, Mayor of Stovall, was in attendance and shared greetings with the HRC.

Approval of Minutes- Motion to accept by Helen Amis, 2nd by Bessye McGhee, motion carried.

Public Comments - No comments

Committee Reports

Program & Planning - TBD

Nothing to report per Ms. Amis, provide Patrice with updates. The Committee Chair has not been replaced. Until that time, the Committee will work with Chairman Gooch.

Social - James J. Gooch- not present

Education - Rev. Tony Cozart

Consider August 21<sup>st</sup> around noon for the committee to meet...MLK essays and leadership opportunities.

Publicity - TBD

Jason Jenkins resigned so the Board has not filled that spot at the moment. Lynn Allred was supposed to do an article on the Granville County HRC. As of today, we are not sure if the article has been posted.

Linda will help with publicity as needed.

Grievance - Telessie McGhee

Per Mr. Betts, there are no grievances to report.

Old Business

Mr. Betts is working on a speaker for MLK. Remember the Robert Blackwell award. Please submit the nomination names to David Smith.

Chairman Gooch spoke with the Town of Butner, Mayor Turner regarding the National Day of Prayer. The Butner Church Council currently hosts the National Day of Prayer. The HRC will not be a part of this initiative since the current hosts is a religious organization. Continuing to work with the Mayor of Butner

to partner with an upcoming event. The question was asked of the Mayor of Stovall, is there something in Stovall that the HRC can partner with? Maybe we can partner with Stem and Creedmoor.

Ad for Central Children's Home was posted.

The HRC will also be asking Mayors of the County to come to an upcoming meeting and speak to the Commission. We want to do a better job of being inclusive within our communities.

Chairman Gooch received 3 calls regarding the Census. Per Michael Felts, they did receive several calls regarding census takers. They do have some people out locating addresses. They are trying to make sure they have valid addresses...reconciliation with what Granville County has on file. There are individuals verifying the discrepancies. They should not be knocking on doors or interacting with residences. They will walk the neighborhoods to verify addresses. The Census taking...trying to encourage everyone to take the census on line by entering in pre-information. March/April will be the timeframe for the actual census to take place. No one will contact you for this, it's voluntary. Mailers will go out...looking for a complete count. Another mailer will go out in April if they don't have all the information needed. After that, census responders will go out and knock on doors. They will have name badges to identify themselves. Look for updates in the local newspapers with actual dates.

New Business - Candidate Forum

Municipal Candidate Forums - only doing the municipalities forums. The forum should be held sometime between September and mid-October.

Oxford - 3 Mayor candidates & 6 City Commissioner candidates- 3 seats William Betts & Helen Amis

Creedmoor - 2 Mayor candidates & 7 City Commissioner candidates - 3 seats, need volunteers to host- Chairman Gooch will work on

Stovall - 1 Mayor candidate & 5 Town Commissioner candidates - 3 seats David Smith & Mayor of Stovall - Janet Parrott

Stem - 1 Mayor candidate & 5 Town Commissioner candidates - 4 seats Mary Cordrey & John Gooch

Butner - 2 Mayor candidates & 3 Town Commissioner candidates - 3 seats Telessie McGhee & Dr. Tony Cozart

If you are interested in being a facilitator, please sign up to help host the upcoming forums.

We haven't reached out to the League of Women Voters to see if they will be participating. Teams should work with Patrice to get the forums coordinated and organized which includes dates, locations & times. In the past, the Chamber takes care of the administration aspect of the forum.

Finance

New budget \$6790.00

Education budget has not been used- any unspent funds will be carried over.

Carried over funds will be part of this year's budget.

Other Comments

In September, there will be another state wide HRC meeting. Location is tentatively set for Durham NC.

Countdown to Census, Charlotte NC...1-3PM

Sandy Woody, Census - will be at the next HRC meeting.

Holiday parades - no dates at this point.

September meeting: come prepared to make sure we have all of our upcoming activities outlined and ready in preparation for the new year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Harold Slaughter, 2nd by Dr. Tony Cozart 7:59PM