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Bethune Center Exec. Dir. - Marlene Davis

**INLAND EMPIRE SECTION
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
General Member Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

President Milele Robertson called the General Meeting of the NCNW Inland Empire Section to order at 6:09 PM. Recording Secretary Lisha Smith led the recital of the Bethune Legacy and NCNW Pledge.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Milele extended a general welcome to members and welcomed guests Jocelyn Earls and Erica Hunter, who introduced themselves. Birthdays in the months of February were acknowledged.

MINUTES

Recording Secretary Lisha Smith

After review of the minutes of the January 22 meeting, Lisha made the motion to accept the minutes as read; Member Deborah Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary Beverly Powell

Report is tabled until the March meeting.

PROGRAMS

1st Vice President Jernine Williams

Special Presentations

Desiree Gomez from the Family Assistance Program (FAP) gave an updated presentation on human trafficking in our region. She shared a story of how a victim was rescued and returned home to Minnesota. She shared that African American girls are disproportionately targeted for human trafficking; and the national average age is 10-12 years. Volunteers can help with street outreach on Wednesdays from 6-8PM.

In recognition of Black History Month, Spoken Word Artist Simi B presented a piece.

MEMBERSHIP

2nd Vice President Gloria Chichester

No report.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Gwendolyn Heard Nelson

Gwendolyn Heard Nelson read the financial report covering January 1 - January 31, 2018. The balance as of January 31, 2018 was \$3,919.00. Approximate amount available for the Section is

\$1,774.00. Gwendolyn motioned to accept the financial report and file for audit. Member Lois Carson seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Updates are tabled until the March meeting.

BETHUNE CENTER REPORT

Executive Director Marlene Davis

Report is tabled until the March meeting.

EXECUTIVE

President Milele Robertson

President Milele Robertson reported on the following:

Incorporation

The Inland Empire Section is now incorporated, and has a business license in the City of Rialto.

State of Women 2018

The event is on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Member Barbara McGee reported that vendor set up is at 7-9AM Saturday morning and also Friday 10A-3P. Doors open Saturday at 9AM and tickets for the raffle and breakfast are first come, first served. The new event location is 1868 Baseline Rd., Rialto. Event volunteers are Beverly Powell, Ola Faye Stevens, and Milele Robertson. Our basket theme is "Dinner and a Movie."

Volunteers are needed to sort and prepare donations for our "New to You" Boutique. Gwendolyn asked members come to the Bethune Center Feb. 27 from 2-6PM and Feb. 28 from 10A-1P.

50th Anniversary Gala

Gala Committee Chair Kimberly Clark gave an update on the planning for the event. Members are called to participate on the sub-committees. Each Member is responsible for selling 3 tickets, which will be distributed following the meeting during the dessert social. Tickets are \$60 and tables are \$550 until March 15. After March 15 tickets are \$65 and tables (for 10) are \$600.

A Section photo for the program books is needed. Members are asked to wear navy blue to the March 26 meeting for the photo.

Bylaws

The bylaws are in draft form and will be sent to the membership for review. Adoption is planned for the March 26 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM. Next general meeting will be March 26, 2018.

Minutes Prepared by Lisha Smith