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INLAND EMPIRE SECTION
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC
General Member Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Milele Robertson called the General Meeting of the Inland Empire Section, NCNW Inc. to order at 6:14 PM. Recording Secretary Lisha Smith then led membership in the recital of the Bethune Legacy and the Pledge. Founding Member Lois Carson delivered the opening prayer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Milele acknowledged guests Deniantionette Mazingo and Myrna Dennis. May birthdays were recognized, including Section Member Joanne Gilbert.

MINUTES

Recording Secretary Lisha Smith

Minutes of the April 23, 2019, meeting were reviewed by membership. Lisha Smith made the motion to accept the minutes. Lois Carson seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary Beverly Powell

President Robertson read to membership the letter sent to the SoCal Area President to request the final budget reports from the last two Bethune Height Recognition Luncheons. She shared that she is still waiting for an acknowledgement or response. If she is not present to address the matter in person at the SoCal meeting in June, she will send a follow-up email.

PROGRAMS

1st Vice President Jernine Williams

1st Vice President Jernine Williams introduced guest speaker Thomas Sone, San Bernardino County Assistant Public Defender. The Public Defender's office is making presentations to community groups to help dispel the myths/rumors about the office.

Mr. Sone shared information regarding the Office's collaborations with county's behavioral health department, the district attorney office, and others to serve residents needing their services. Their office even has social workers on board to help connect clients with services.

He shared the difficulty in acquiring a diverse staff and retaining individuals who see the County as a great training ground. Mr. Sone also shared about the office's: (1) collaboration with community groups to do expungement clinics; (2) recorded books reading programs for families; and

(3) Project Rebound, a peer advocate mentoring program that matches 25 year old and younger inmates with formerly incarcerated individuals.

After a full session of Q&A, Section Members expressed interest in working with the Public Defender's Office to host an expungement clinic.

MEMBERSHIP

2nd Vice President Gloria Chichester

No changes to report.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Gwendolyn Heard Nelson

Treasurer Gwendolyn Heard Nelson delivered the April 1-30, 2019, financial report.

The balance on hand as of April 30, 2019, was \$10,255.02. After deductions for the Teamster's Scholarship (\$300), Option House (\$125) and a \$3,225.00 hold for the About Lady Day Theater Trip, the available balance is \$6,605.02. The report is to be filed for audit.

BETHUNE CENTER REPORT

Executive Director Marlene Davis

On behalf of Executive Director Marlene Davis, President Robertson reported that the Center is eight clients from our goal for the **CDBG grant**. To date 57 clients have been assisted.

Ms. Davis met with the Cal State Administrator, Dr. Gaines, regarding the **Prop 47 grant** that involves providing employment services training youth 14-17. Based on the meeting, she connected with another CBO. In June the Center will collaborate with Youth Action Partnership at Juvenile Hall. They will be meeting with Atlas High School before the school year ends to identify potential candidates.

The Executive Director has applied for 12 **grants** through Walmart/Sam's Club and has met with most of the store managers; and will continue to meet with others.

Training classes for the general public are being formulated to take place at the Center and for the JV youth at their school. All Valley Water classes are completed.

EXECUTIVE

President Milele Robertson

President Milele Robertson reported on the following:

Section Budget and Other Business

- The draft 2019-2020 IE Section Budget is going through final revisions with plans to be presented at the June meeting and recommended for approval.
- New officers will be nominated and elected in 2020. Consider running for a position.

- Future events in 2020
 - Harambe Breakfast
 - Membership Drive
 - Summer Art Show
 - Annual Program Drive

SoCal Area

- Announcement of the Pomona Valley Section's Spring Membership Luncheon on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at the Doubletree Hotel in Claremont

- The SoCal Area Council Meeting is on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at the Council House.

Announcements

- Ms. Carson shared that when the San Gabriel Valley Section came to interview her she wore the dress she received as a gift from the Togo and Senegal delegation while visiting Africa. Through her affiliation with NCNW she has visited Africa eight times. She wore the dress to share it and the story of her travels with our Section members.

- Guest Deniationette Mazingo shared that she is running for the 42nd Assembly District.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM. Next general meeting will be June 24, 2019, at 6:00PM at the Bethune Center.

Minutes Prepared by Recording Secretary Lisha Smith