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Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2016

I. Call to order

Rev. Joel King, Interim Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission (Commission) at approximately 10:10 a.m. on August 10, 2016 at DAS Equal Opportunity Division, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228.

II. Roll call

The following members were present:

- Rev. Joel King, Gahanna
- Napoleon Bell, Columbus
- Sen. Edna Brown's representative, Jennifer Moore, Toledo
- McKinley "Mac" Brown, Cincinnati
- David Jehnsen, Galena
- Dorothy Lovell Jones, Lima
- Will Lucas, Toledo
- Elizabeth Blount McCormick, Columbus
- Rev. Lorenzo Norris, Cleveland

Also present was:

- Bobbi Bell, Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division

Excused members:

- Dr. Fannie Brown, Akron
- Robert "Bob" Gordon, Gallipolis/Athens
- Eddie Sipplen, Akron



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III. Agenda Items (voting)

a) *Theme:*

Discussion included development of theme in such a way that celebration, calendar, and oratorical contest participants are talking about the 50th anniversary in 2018... Also considered: *Through the Eyes of Love: The work continues; Stick with Love; Through the Lenses of Nonviolence.*

Final selection: *Stick with Love: The work continues*

Consensus vote: 9 to 0

b) *Awards Criteria:*

Discussion... Revision of nomination form to include:

- Removal of statement on page one to attach additional information.
- Add missing checkbox for first category
- Combine C and D, insert instead:
 - Describe the accomplishments/positive contributions of the nominee.
- New D:
 - How does the nominee's contributions in the selected category align with Dr. King's principles?
- New E:
 - Please include the following additional documentation to support your nomination:
 - Personal statement (500 words or less), and/or
 - Two professional recommendations

Consensus vote: 9 to 0

c) *King Arts Complex Letter:*

Discussion centered around pending renovations at the King Arts Complex (KAC). Draft letter to KAC, written on behalf of the Commission, reviewed and recommended updates. Suggestion that if one week passes and no response received, post letter (via media outlets) as an "open letter" to the KAC. Copies to be sent to all KAC board members.

Consensus vote: 9 to 0

IV. Agenda Items (non-voting)

a) MLK Calendar

- King Center (Atlanta) has approved speech to be within calendar. Reviewing photos for inclusion with Communications and King Center.
- Chronology addition for 2016: first AA female attorney general
- Updated calendar will be ready for Commission review and vote at next meeting



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b) Travel Reimbursement

- B. Bell to follow up with Finance regarding travel reimbursement not yet received for Rev. Norris and new process for submission to ensure prompt payment (via Ohio Shared Services).

c) Next Meeting

- Commission meets approximately four times a year in person and following coordinated events (i.e., commemorative celebration and oratorical contest).
- Next meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Agenda items for next meeting:
 - o Award nominees
 - o Commemorative celebration
 - o Calendar
 - o KAC follow-up
 - o Oratorical contest

V. Adjournment

Rev. Joel King, Interim Chair adjourned the meeting at approx. 11:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bobbi Bell

Minutes approved for Commission review by: Rev. Joel King

Minutes approved at Dec. 7, 2016 meeting.

