

**MARTIN LUTHER KING BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019 3:30 P.M.
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM – GOVERNMENT CENTER
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Chairperson
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Joyce Humphrey, Citizen
Lisa M. Watson, Pastor, Evangelical Liberty Christian Church & EMA Program Coordinator
Dr. Mary H. Butler, EMA & E.L.C. Church
Rev. Evans Brown, Church of God in Christ
Dominique Johnson, Kingdom Life Church

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

June O'Neal, Mentor's Project
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Sarah Hunt, President, Middle Georgia National Action Network
Dr. Henry C. Ficklin, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Sam Henderson, Director, Macon-Bibb County Small Business Affairs
Patricia Stephens, Tubman Museum
Mike McIntosh, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for Collaborative Journalism
Joel Callins, Assistant County Attorney
Sherry Shannon Miller, Citizen
Kaye Cleveland, MBC Clerk of Commission
Stanley Stewart, Citizen

Chairperson Elaine Lucas called the meeting to order. Rev. Evans Brown followed with a prayer. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Topics of Discussion

- 1.) MLK Budget
- 2.) Events for Calendar
- 3.) Gospel Concert/Event Planning
- 4.) Oratorical Competition
- 5.) MLK Breakfast
- 6.) Unfilled Member Seats/Expired Terms

Commissioner Lucas opened discussion regarding MLK Commission Budget. Board members discussed options regarding fund raising. Commissioner Lucas informed the group regarding gospel concerts held in previous years to generate revenue for the commission. Members

discussed planning a gospel concert. The group was briefed regarding planning meetings tentatively set for Spring 2020.

Discussion was opened regarding the 2020 Martin Luther King Oratorical Competition. Said competition will be held on January 11, 2020 at Elaine Lucas Senior Center starting at 11 a.m. The group was presented information about the competition. Commissioner Lucas advised board members that if they received any information regarding events to add to the calendar to contact Ms. Kaye Cleveland.

The group reviewed member terms. Ms. Cleveland informed all members regarding term expiration dates. The group was informed that Commissioner Schlesinger, Sam Henderson, Joyce Humphrey and Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis terms were current. Commissioner Lucas requested that inactive board members be contacted to confirm their wishes to participate in the commission.

Rev. Brown prompted discussion regarding the Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast. The Board requested to purchase a table for said event. Commissioner Lucas requested that committee members attend to be recognized. On motion by Pastor Lisa M. Watson, seconded by Dr. Mary H. Butler and passed unanimously, the Martin Luther King Commission will purchase a table for the 30th Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast to be held on January 20, 2020 at Vineville United Methodist Church.

Pastor Watson informed the group that the Annual MLK March will be held on January 20, 2020. Captains designated to lead marchers and starting points were named. Said march will culminate at the Government Center located at 700 Poplar Street. Pastor Watson also informed the group regarding a political forum to be held in April 2020 for mayoral candidates to address citizens before the 2020 Election.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Watson. Afterward, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be in December 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary