

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION MEETING
November 26, 2014
Board of Commissioners Conference Room
11:45 a.m.

Members Present

Elaine Lucas, Chair
Rabbi Larry Schlesinger
Mike Gardner
Sam Henderson
Rev. Tony Lowden
Rev. Dominique Johnson
Rev. Evans Brown
Tonya Parker

Members Absent

Dr. Henry Ficklin
June O'Neal

Others in Attendance

Mike Ware, Student Intern
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Rev. Melvin Fussell, Pres., Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon
Dr. Mary Butler, Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon
Pastor. Lisa Watson, Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon
Sarah Hunt, National Action Network
Noell Saunders, Fox 24
Joyce Humphrey

Call to order by Chair Elaine Lucas called the meeting to order and requested that members and others in attendance introduce themselves.

Tony Lowden moved, seconded by Sam Henderson, to approve the November 12, 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion approved by a vote of 8-0. **APPROVED.**

Chair Elaine Lucas requested that Joyce Humphrey check with Finance Department on the amount of funds in the MLK Account.

Chair Elaine Lucas reminded the Commission Members and advisors to present a bio and picture.

Mr. Charles Coney advised that he will assist the Commission on whatever is needed and will make sure the web site is updated. He also advised that he will partner the Commission with the Council of Clergy and their congregations.

The Commission set a press conference to kickoff upcoming events planned for December 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Government Center. Chair Elaine Lucas requested that all organizations bring their banners.

Rev. Melvin Fussell, President of Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon presented the following events:

- January 1, 2015** **Emancipation Worship Service** • New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church,
12:00 P.M. 795 Maynard Street • Keynote Speaker: Pastor Maria Gordon • Theme:
Covenant for Freedom • *Sponsor: Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon.*
- January 18, 2015** **Living the Dream in Worship** • St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 910 Key Street•
5:00 P.M. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Alfred Hazel • Theme: Come, Let Us Bow Down and Worship Him • *Sponsor: Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon.*
- January 19, 2015** **MLK, Jr. Memorial Celebration** • Steward Chapel AME Church, 887 Forsyth Street
12:15 P.M. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Walter L. Glover, Jr. • Theme: Let Justice Roll Down, Because We Won't Go Back • *Sponsor: Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon.*
- April 3, 2015** **The Seven Last Words of Jesus**• Green's Tabernacle Baptist Church, 5310 Bloomfield Road, Rev. Clifford Little, Host Pastor • *Sponsor: Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon.*
- April 4, 2015** **Drum Major for Justice Awards Ceremony**• Unity Missionary Baptist Church, 3280 Millerfield Road, Rev. Edward Dawson, Host Pastor • *Sponsor: Evangelical Ministers Alliance of Macon.*

Rev. Evans presented the following event:

- January 19, 2015** **MLK, Jr. 25th Annual Breakfast** • St. Peter Claver Catholic Church • 131 Ward Street.
7:30 A.M.

Rev. Dominique Johnson presented the following events sponsored by Mercer University:

- February 10, 2015** ***Beloved Community Symposium - Banquet** • Penfield Hall, Mercer University • **6:30 P.M.** Keynote Address No. 1: "No One-Way Streets to Unity" by Dr. Michael O. Emerson •
Sponsor: Mercer University
- February 11, 2015** ***Beloved Community Symposium - Breakfast** • Fellowship Hall of Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, followed by an open discussion with Dr. Michael O. Emerson on issues raised at the Symposium • *Sponsor: Mercer University.*
- 10:00 A.M.** ***Beloved Community Symposium – Keynote Address No. 2: "Race and the Church: Christians Joining God for Change" by Dr. Michael O. Emerson** • Penfield Hall, Mercer University • *Sponsor: Mercer University.*
- 11:00 A.M.** ***Beloved Community Symposium – Panel Discussion on the Multi-Ethnic Church** • Penfield Hall, Mercer University • Moderator: Raymond Partolan

Panelists: Rev. Gail T. Smith, Rev. Eddie D. Smith, Sr., Rev. Clint Jett and Rev. Steve Sawyer • *Sponsor: Mercer University.*

12:00 P.M.

***Beloved Community Symposium – Closing Luncheon •** Penfield Hall, Mercer University • *Sponsor: Mercer University.*

The Commission discussed the possibility of other various events for the calendar.

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ADJOURNMENT.