

Community Relations Council

Meeting Agenda –

December 08, 2022 6:00 p.m.

United Way of York County (226 NorthPark Dr, 29730) and Via Zoom

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Purpose: To promote respect, appreciation and understanding of diversity among all people in our community by promoting positive human relations and reducing discrimination, assessing and responding to the human relations needs of our community, serving as a source of information, and advocating and recognizing change to achieve our mission.

Attending: Shekinah Miller, Cynthia Ware, Reginald Brackett, Gigi Anderson, Summersby Okey, Ann Williamson, Derrick Stevenson, Sierra Hughes, Taninya Smith

Not Attending:

1. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Purpose Review
2. Approval of Minutes from November Meeting
 - a. Correction: Rena Hunter was attending at the November meeting
 - b. Motion to approve with corrections: Gigi Anderson
 - c. Second: Reginald Brackett
 - d. Accepted unanimously.
3. New Business
 - a. MLK Update
 - i. Dreamkeeper:
 1. One nomination this year: Ernest G. Brown. Had been nominated previously the year Dr. Berry received the award. The committee is pleased with the application and feels that this nominee solidly meets the requirements for the award.
 - ii. Update on Essay Contest and Scholarship Sponsors:
 1. Ms. Cynthia has been reaching out monthly since we passed out the packets. NWHS has three students who have submitted an application- will pick a winner and Ms. Cynthia will pick it up. Rock Hill High has 2 possibly 3 submissions and will submit via email. South Pointe contact with Carlo Dawson- the packet was included in the school newsletter and scholarship newsletter for seniors, but they are not sure how many students, if any, have made submissions and will give an update early next week.
 2. Our next sub-committee meeting will be December 22 at 6pm. We will make sure that we get all submissions to Jason and Leslie so that they can send out PDFs to allow for a virtual meeting.
 - iii. Update on Sponsorships
 1. So far, we have received 9 sponsorships.

- a. Spencer and Spencer, St Mary Catholic Church, York County Government, NAACP, Optimist Club, WCCS, City of Rock Hill, County Family Court, York School District One
 - b. Atrium has changed their process, so we will need to submit super early.
 - c. We expect to receive one from United Way of York County and Rock Hill School District
 2. The Omegas will do a scholarship funding sponsorship again this year. Gigi will reach out to confirm.
 3. We have had a few people call and say that they did not receive a sponsorship letter. Check in with your contacts who usually contact to see if they received their letter. Any letters returned to sender were corrected and re-sent and they were updated on the sponsorship list spreadsheet.
 4. We will send out a digital copy of the sponsorship letter to the committee to share. Members are asked to send this out electronically to anyone who you think may be interested, even if it is a duplication of a paper sponsorship form in the mail.
 5. Next year, we want to think about sending a hybrid snail mail and email letter.
- iv. Publicity
1. We used to do posters and handed them out in the community. Do we want to produce these again this year?
 2. We have a draft of a poster, so we will work on pushing that out after the City unveils their website refresh next week.
 3. We will go ahead and share the approved flyer on social media and Jason and Leslie will print copies so that folks can come by Monday 12/as afternoon to pick up. The group likes the first one presented (yellow/orange/pink).
 - a. Change the front desk name and number on the flyer.
- v. Program
1. We are not making substantive changes to the program. We will just need to update the names/dates/ etc.
 - a. Presiding: Gigi Anderson
 - b. Invocation: ask Darryl Cunningham or Rena Hunter
 - c. Tribute to Dr. Sylvia Berry- Ann Williamson
 - d. Presentation of Colors: NWHS Color Guard
 - e. Greetings: Derrick Lindsay, Mayor Pro Tem
 - f. Introduction of the Speaker: Reginald Brackett
 - g. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Lester McCorn
 - h. Entertainment: Angelo Geter, Rock Hill Poet Laureate and Rock Hill Youth Poet Laureate
 - i. Dreamkeeper Award Presentation: Taninya Smith
 - j. MLK Essay Award Winners: Cynthia Ware and Gigi Anderson

- k. Remarks: Gigi Anderson
 - l. Acknowledgements: REMOVE
 - m. Benediction: ask Darryl Cunningham or Rena Hunter
- vi. General Items
 1. Linens are good to go
 2. Keith Wilkes will do the same as years past
 3. High school volunteers have been found to help with the setup and tear down. We will set up at 1:00 PM on the Sunday before (Jan 15). We will need to arrive at 6:45 AM on Monday morning (Jan 16).
 4. There is a new set up and we will now have 70 tables instead of 76.
 5. We could offer the donated tickets to local colleges student leaders. We would like to offer a ticket to all of the students who submitted an essay, even if they are not selected for an award.
 6. Ann Williamson is willing to fill in wherever needed for the program.
 7. We need to create some slides with the Dreamkeeper winners and essay contest winners over the past few years to run during the breakfast.
 8. Jason to follow up with the caterer on if she is going to do the table decorations. He will go ahead and pull out our decoration items and check on their status.
- b. Black History Month Update
 - i. Sierra talked to Dontavius Williams and he is willing to be our tour guide and had some suggestions for stops.
 - ii. Feb 10, 17, 18, 19, 25 are when he is available. We will need to book him via his website and he requests an honorarium. The committee suggests that we offer him \$500, which is the same amount as the speaker for MLK Breakfast.
 - iii. For buses: Friday time: around 2:00, Saturday time: around noon. Depending on speaker availability, we will determine the number of buses needed. Jason and Leslie will look into the possibility of broadcasting the speaker onto multiple buses at the same time.
 - iv. Will divide the stops among the committee members to write the narratives using Green Book of SC website for a starting point for Dontavius.
 - v. Stephen Turner, Dawn Johnson, Gladys Robinson were mentioned as other folks who may be willing to serve as tour guides on alternative dates.
 - vi. We would like to approach Stephen Turner as well.
- c. Community Listening Session Update
 - i. Confirm Date: March 23, 2022
 1. Thinking we will do a Tuesday or Thursday in February or March. We may want to lean toward March so that we have diversity in when we hold our events. **March 23** would be our scheduled sub-committee meeting, so this may be a good date.
 2. Jason and Leslie will check on the Operations Center or Manchester.
 - a. Operations Center is available
 - b. Jason will check on Manchester on 12/9

- ii. Promote at MLK Breakfast
 1. Create a slide to run during the meal.
4. Old Business
 - a. Announcements and Concerns
 - b. City Announcements
5. Adjournment: 7:02 PM

Upcoming Dates:

December 15: Essay Contest Deadline

December 22, 6 PM: CRC Sub-Committee Meeting to review Essay contest submissions (virtual)

January 12, 2022 6 PM: Next CRC Meeting

January 15 at 1:00 PM: MLK Setup

January 16 at 6:45 AM: Arrive for MLK breakfast and wear Black and White