

GLENS FALLS NAACP MEETING FEBRUARY 01, 2024

A meeting of the Glens Falls NAACP was held on February 01, 2024 at the Village Green Apartments community room in Glens Falls, New York on February 01, 2024

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President Mary Gooden

Vice President Lee Braggs

2nd Vice President Walter Anderson

Treasurer Jeanne Noordsey

Secretary Cynthia Hyde

CALL TO ORDER: President Mary Goodin called the meeting to order

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's minutes were read On a motion by Betty Anderson, seconded by Lee Bragg the minutes were accepted with the following corrections, Add the Treasurer and Secretary that were present to the list of officers and correct the pronunciation of Kasigh Gooden.

Ayes ~ Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking:

Expenses: \$159.90 Zoom annual fee, \$220 MLK Birthday Celebration refreshments

Deposits: \$120 memberships (4 adult), \$140 donation from Gary McCoola and Joy Muller

McCoola, \$23.90 credit from National NAACP

Account Balance = \$8,845.77

Savings:

.10 cent Interest

Account Balance = \$5,901.39

Total accounts = \$14,747.16

On a motion by Lee Bragg, seconded by Walter Anderson, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Ayes ~ Unanimous

MEMBERSHIP: Membership will be reported on next month

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Josh Rouse brought in an illustration from Puck Magazine (1876-1918) that was handed out as a homework assignment to a Glens Falls School District eighth grade class. Conversation ensued about the illustration. It was decided that the president and vice president would visit the Glens Falls School District superintendent and members were encouraged to attend the Glens

Falls School District February 12, 2024 school board meeting at 7 pm to learn more about the homework assignment. During this conversation it was suggested that people with concerns about the school could make a difference by running for seats on the school board.

YOUTH REPORT:

The Youth Report was given by Jakob Pregent. See full report attached

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding Dasa (New York States Dignity for all Students Act) bullying in school and bullying online.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION:

A thank you went out to everyone for a great Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration. There was a great turnout with more people attending then the year before. President Gooden said that next year there is going to be a big surprise for the 2025 MLK Celebration.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Discussion ensued regarding Black History Month. It was noted that Black History Month has been celebrated at the Crandall Library for the past 25 years. Everyone is encouraged to come out for the Black History Month African American Film Forum at Crandall Library. Movies will be shown Tuesdays in February in the community room, refreshments are available from 6-6:30 pm, the films start at 6:30pm and afterward there will be discussion about the movie. On Tuesday February 20, 2024 the film forum will show "The Little Mermaid" at 2:30 pm.

February 5, 2024 "Fannie Lou Hamer's America"

February 13, 2024 "Town Destroyer"

February 20, 2024 "Running with My Girls"

February 27, 2024 "The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools"

MEETINGS:

MARCH - The March meeting will probably be at Crandall Library.

APRIL - The April meeting will be at Suny Adirondack and will feature "Coffee With A Cop". Coffee with a cop is sponsored by the Suny Adirondack Counseling Division.

PRESIDENT GOODEN reminded everyone to stay up on the text of the proposed equal rights amendment. President Gooden said that we need to be aware and vote.

Proposed NYS Equal

Rights Amendment:

No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed [or], religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in his or her] their civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, pursuant to law.

Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.

This amendment was passed by two separate sessions of the NYS Legislature and now goes to the voters for their approval on Election Day 2024.

Be sure to flip your ballot over to vote on this.

OLD BUSINESS: A reminder that the Glens Falls Branch of the NAACP is a cosponsor of the Community Climate Action Walk being held on May 18, 2024 in Glens Falls.

ADJOURN

On a motion of Betty Anderson, seconded by Josh Rouse the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Hyde
Secretary
February 12, 2024

NAACP Meeting Student Report February 1, 2024 Jakob Pregent, Glens Falls HS Senior • Black History Month: Students are being encouraged to attend the movies scheduled for Tuesday nights at Crandall Library. • Selma: Plans were being made for an 11th grade assembly to show the movie Selma. Members of the branch will be invited to attend and participate in a discussion afterwards. The January NYS Regents essay for US History was about the history of African American voting. • Celebrating the Diversity in our School Community: Several high school students attended a community outreach event on January 11th at 6:30PM. With the help of Mediation Matters, several seniors had a fantastic time! They really enjoyed meeting community members and sharing their stories and perspectives about diversity in the Glens Falls High School and the Glens Falls community. They left demanding we have an opportunity to share this experience with all high school students. Another evening community event is planned for the spring. • New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) and Youth Homelessness Hotline Students traveled to the NYS Assembly and were afforded almost 1.5 hours with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and Assemblyperson Daniel O'Donnell. This is quite remarkable considering the Assembly is in session. The discussions ranged from unattended homeless youth hotline to bullying and a new version of DASA, married equality and overall the lawmaking process. Students did an exceptional job answering grilling questions about their DASA survey results of Lake George and Glens Falls High School students. IN session the students were recognized and complimented for their service to NYS youth. Several other Assembly representatives came to meet them and ask to be part of the

DASA revisited project. Assemblywoman Woerner also agreed to propose a bill this session to allocate money from the additional homelessness budget to include money for the hotline. GFHS student Jack Sweet continues to push for this bill to be completed and passed. He is working with the Governor's Youth Council and lobbyists to gain some traction. DASA Survey Results Hand out • "STOP" Field Trip Jan 12 Several GF Middle School students attended this field trip to Siena College. This year, the theme was The Legacy of Bayard Rustin, where they explored Rustin's organization of the March on Washington, contemporary Black and LGBTQIA+ activism, and engaged in anti-bias workshops with students and educators across Upstate NY. • Black Girl in Suburbia- March The 10th grade class will be having an assembly showing "Black Girl in Suburbia" with a student-led discussion afterwards. This assembly has been pushed to March to allow for more training. The planning for this is underway! • Community Climate Action Walk, City Park to Crandall Park, Glens Falls, Saturday, May 18, 2024 1 PM. High school students are busy recruiting and organizing ways to participate. Students are busy planning their role in this event. • Innocence Project Event: Glens Falls Government (Ms. Gormley) & Forensic Classes (Mrs. Ludlow) are working on a plan to bring back a guest speaker who has visited twice prior to the pandemic. Mr. Everston Wagstaffe is a man who was a young Jamaican immigrant when he was arrested and sent to prison for a murder he did not commit. • Coffee with a Cop Many students are very interested to attend the future meeting to be a part of the "Coffee with a Cop"