

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, April 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson and an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 5 meeting were read and accepted with a correction.

President's Report

On Monday, April 2, Rogers listened in on a conference call with a group of businessmen coming together to establish an organization dedicated to enhancing the diversity of the New Hampshire workforce. The goal is to attract and retain minorities in the workforce for New Hampshire, through direct hire from college and through re-location from other states. Members of the group will make recruiting efforts at college job fairs.

The U.S. Attorney's office will hold a meeting at UNH on April 13. Clergy from the Seacoast area are invited to attend the meeting, which will be a listening session and will focus on diversity in religion.

The UNH President's Committee on Campus Climate has completed its work, with a final report to be made to the public on April 6. The report will be posted on the Branch website when it becomes public. It appears that the Committee will continue in some form going forward.

Rogers will give a speech on diversity to several upper classes at Farmington High School on April 11.

The Newmarket Police Department has issued a call for minority applicants for several positions now opening in their department. This information has been posted on the Branch website.

Rogers noted that the Seacoast Media Group has continued to cover the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and welcomed their help in this effort.

Ongoing Business

Sarah Andrews reported on an effort by SURJ to compile a list of minority owned businesses. There was a discussion of where to publish such a list, whether online or in newsletters. Rogers suggested establishing a relationship with the state to set certifying criteria and identify qualifying businesses.

Will Arvelo suggested that the NAACP could sponsor gatherings of minority businessmen at restaurants in the area. He also suggested that the Seacoast papers might feature one business a month.

Jody Hoffer-Gittell attended the March 22 organizational meeting for the Poor People's Campaign. She shared information about future meetings, and the work and goals of the campaign.

Sunday, August 5 was selected as the date for the annual picnic.

Nut Shoop reported that 15 applications for Youth Council membership have been received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Elsemore
Secretary