

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE (APRI) FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAPTER

Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

5:35 p.m.

Call to order:

President, John Lacey called to order the regular meeting of the APRI. Not official business but there is a quorum.

Excused: Bobbie Hall-Refinati, Toni Tuck-Newsome

Approval of minutes:

None

Treasurer Report:

None

Correspondence:

None

President Report:

None

Old Business:

President Lacey called a special meeting to discuss Beer & Brats and possibility for October. With the Delta variance uptick of Covid he wanted to hear from the body on whether we should have the event. Members suggested not having the event this year due to the rapid increase of the Delta Variance. Motion to formally cancel the Beer & Brats for 2021 by Annie Pleasant-Combs and 2nd by B.J. Motion carried.

New business:

President Lacey informed the member that he had been selected to be a board member of Columbus Ohio Futures Program, it almost setup like the Buildings Futures Program (i.e., building trades apprenticeship). The program he will be involved in is a program that prepare young people to enter the workforce by giving them skills preparing them to work in union environments. Showing them how to get good paying union jobs. 25 people per class and is an 8-weeks class and they give them \$150 a week stipend, and they are assigned a case manager which works with the member to elevate and problems they may have in completing the program. After they complete the program, they are placed in a union paid job. In conjunction with CBTU and NAACP, APRI is going to be a mentor to the graduates of this program for a period of up to 1-year. President Lacey sees this mentoring program as a liaison between them and union environment and employer. He is bringing this to the body because he wants to come up

with a committee to develop what the covenants of the mentorship should be. He asked for volunteers to work with our brothers and sisters of CBTU.

There is also a third program called Driving Futures. These jobs are either with COTA, public schools etc. We have offer to be their mentor also. President asked that the volunteers contact him. (B.J. and Donna Howard volunteered so far). President Lacey will send out a Zoom meeting for the volunteers.

Member asked how the students are being pick or how someone enters the program. President Lacey stated they are filing out application and then it is being screened through the Urban League. John stated he will get more information on this at the next meeting.

Good and Welfare:

None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at **6:05 p.m.**

Next Meeting: September 20, 2021 (back to regular meetings).

Minutes submitted by Annie Pleasant-Combs