

**A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE (APRI)
FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAPTER**

Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021

5:35 p.m.

Call to order:

President, John Lacey called to order the regular meeting of the APRI.

Excused: Annie Pleasant-Combs

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve April 2021 minutes by Diane Bailey, 2nd by Theresa Long, and approved by the body.

Treasurer Report:

Theresa Long reminded members that there are still delinquent membership dues. John Lacey stated that he will contact the secretary and treasurer to do a membership audit to pare down the invite list for invite. Motion to accept treasurer report for April 2021 by Mrs. Norma Goode; 2nd by Mrs. Shirley Hubbert and approved by the body.

Correspondence: None

President Report:

President Lacey discussed the Pro Act Picket-Protecting our rights to organization. He thanked the member for coming out in front of Rob Portman's office. He discussed the caravan that circled not only the courthouse but Rob Portman's office. It is a new initiative to organize through this new administration. John also discussed the postcard that was sent to Rob Portman's office letting him know that the members support the Pro Act.

National ask that the chapter give weekly reports, but he had been getting reports to them every other week.

HB 294 new voter suppression bill. There probably will be a call later this week coming from President Andre Washington to explain what is in the bill. Pres. Lacey stated we must be proactive in fighting back these bills.

Old Business: None

New business:

President Lacey discussed Beer & Brats postponement until October. He asked if the members think that we may still leave it for October? Members stated “yes.”

He asked about doing candidate screening and whether it should be virtual or personal. Members answered undecided. President Lacey said the survey should still be worked on.

Member asked questions about raffles for the Beer & Brats. John Lacey stated that he plans to get the orders together in July.

Good and Welfare:

Louella Day Jeter stated to keep Joyce Beatty and her family in prayer due to death of her family member and Bill Anthony.

Norma discussed Friendship Baptist Health Fair and May 29th Miracle on Long Street events starts at 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Accepting donations

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at **6:03 p.m.**

Next Meeting: June 21, 2021.

Minutes submitted by Annie Pleasant-Combs