

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

Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

5:40 p.m.

Call to order:

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

Excused: Arnetta Banks, Diane Bailey, Bobbie Hall-Refinati, John King

Approval of minutes: Annie Pleasant-Combs

Madam Treasurer, Theresa Long, will send updates on the membership list to secretary for completion. President Lacey will have the covenants for the mentoring program looked at by all three board of that program organization (i.e., APRI, CBTU, including NAACP) before it is implemented and will get it out to all member if approved. Graduates of the CFP program will be this Saturday, September 25th, follow by a meeting of the boards on that Monday via Zoom.

Motion to approved meeting minutes with correction by Diane Bailey, 2nd by Norma Goode, motion carried.

President Lacey asked Lois Carson if any of these programs have reach out to Columbus City Schools? Lois responded that she did not have any information at the time, but she can inquire about it. President Lacey asked if she could provide some information to him by the following Monday September 27th. She will check with her boss and ask who a good contact might be.

Treasurer Report: Theresa Long

Ending balance June 30, 2021, \$8,751. 35. Motion to accept Report by Vice Pres. Louella Day-Jeter, 2nd by Diane Bailey; motion carried.

Ending Balance for July 2021, \$8766.35 (Membership dues still coming in). No expense for month of July. Motion to accept July 2021 report by Secretary Annie Pleasant-Combs, 2nd by Vice Pres. Louella. Motion carried.

Ending Balance for August 2021 \$8,746.35 (per capita due paid for union label \$20). Motion to accept August 2021 report by Mrs. Norma Goode, 2nd by Vice Pres. Louella. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Pres. Lacey inform

APRI 51st National Educational Conference and National Education Youth Conference has been postponed. President Lacey believes that it will not happen at all the year due to the uptick in Covid-19 cases.

President Lacey discussed the APRI – Diversity training to get out the vote Zoom meeting Thurs 7:00 p.m. and Saturday July 25th at 12:00 noon.

President Report:

President Lacey informed the members that 2020 Political Candidate Screening and Beer & Brats has been canceled due to Covid-19. APRI National Educational Conference has been postpone again to October, no final word on whether it would be canceled all together.

President Lacey asked members if they participated in the Strike for Black Lives at 12:00 noon. President Lacey discussed a training that he and Vice-President Louella Jeter attended where Ohio Unity Coalition preparing a program for GOTV and voter's registration which includes setting up voter's registration using tablets.

Discussion about members concern over absentee ballots and the low volume of request.

Regional President Andre Washington discussed working with Secretary of State (SOS) concerning postage, HB680, and the types of voters (i.e., mail-in, early voter, etc.)

Old Business:

President Lacey discussed the national dues assessment of \$500 and that Franklin chapter only sent \$100 so far. He discussed that our chapter want to pay the difference due to the set aside for voter's registration (phone banks, ride to the polls, etc.)

Discussion on early voting and absentee ballots and making sure people do not wait until last minute to get register, picking up people ballots, rides to

the polls. Motion to pay the difference of the \$500 by Annie Pleasant-Combs, 2nd by Louella Jeter.

New business:

President Lacey discussed the proposed name change to go into the By-Laws. He stated that we have members from different city in its geographical jurisdiction around Franklin county so we should have a name that reflect that type of membership.

Motion to change name to Columbus Metro Chapter of A. Philip Randolph Institute by Annie Pleasant-Combs, 2nd by Mrs. Shirley Hubbert. President John Lacey will submit to National for name change then the name update will have to be submitted to the bank and new checks made.

Regional President Andre Washington discuss HB 680. Provision focus on early voting and prohibits secretary of state to use any funds for postage. He also discussed “We are Ohio” letter to SOS about having multiple drop boxes so people will not have to drive across town and asking for SOS to pay postage for the convenience, safety, and security for the voters.

Good & Welfare: Sister Carson pledge \$500 from OAPSE to take care of the National dues that our local chapter owes. President Lacey thanks Sis Carson for her generosity.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at **6:35 p.m.**

Next Meeting:

Minutes submitted by Annie Pleasant-Combs