

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

Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2021

5:37 p.m.

Call to order:

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

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve February 2021 minutes by Diane Bailey, 2nd by John King. Approved by the body.

Treasurer Report:

Motion to accept treasurer report for February 2021 by John King; 2nd by Arnetta and passed by the body.

Correspondence:

President Lacey informs members of Labor Council meeting this coming Wednesday, A zoom invitation was sent out via email, if a member had not received the invite, he would send it to them.

Labor union leadership round table 3/16 & 3/18, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. both days. President will send out the link to those who are interested, members must register prior to the meeting.

Candidates' forum, congressional district 11, Akron-Cleveland area.

President Andre Washington discussed the candidates that are running, and the kitchen table issues that would be discussed. Andre discussed the reason the 11th Congressional District is particularly important in the shaping of build back better here in Ohio.

President John Lacey discussed the city of Columbus's virtual trade & labor fair. One of the events was scheduled for March 10th before this APRI meeting and that he was not able to get the information out in time. The event started up with job fair for people who want to get into the trade and there is apprenticeship. President Lacey stated as the information come in he

would start passing it along to the membership. Vice President Louella Jeter, ask about getting proper notification of these event from Central Labor Council. President John stated he would discuss with Mark Fluharty.

President Report:

President Lacey discussed the changing of the chapter's names to reflect the membership in which a vote was already taken. He will reach out to the national this week on how that would take place and he touch back with the chapter going forward. Andre Washington asked about the original charter and what city? President Lacey had reviewed, and it stated Columbus and the surrounding cities and its geographical areas. If one of the areas wanted to start a chapter, they would be free to do so. APRI members want to pursue the name, Columbus Metro as the chapter name.

Question of chapter's dues dollars. President Lacey discussed the chapter not able to do much of the fundraising it has done in the past because of Covid. The question is to increase dues by \$5 making it \$20 for regular membership and \$10 for retirees effective next year. President Lacey asked the membership how they feel about the increase, majority of the membership agreed, motion would be made in New business.

Old Business:

Bobbie asked about the flowers to President Clayola Brown. President Lacey stated that he had taken flowers to her and her mother.

New business:

Motion to increase dues for next year to \$20 for regular membership and \$10 for retirees by Diane Bailey, 2nd by Vice President Louella Jeter, Past by the body.

Good and Welfare:

Stephanie Wiley family
Marlene Powell

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at **6:16 p.m.**

Next Meeting: April 19, 2021.

Minutes submitted by Annie Pleasant-Combs