



LAKE COUNTY NAACP

# Membership Meeting

May 20, 2023

## MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** NAACP Office - 8 N. State St. Lower Level Painesville, Ohio 44077

8 Branch Members Present

Called to order – 11:07AM

### **Agenda:**

#### **1) Minutes**

- a. Minutes of Membership meetings to be posted to website for member review going forward.

#### **2) Membership**

- a. Branch currently has ~82 members. Renewal reminders are sent for upcoming membership expirations.

#### **3) Criminal Justice**

- a. Two Board members met with the Chair of the Cleveland NAACP Criminal Justice Committee to glean insight and guidance on establishing our branch's committee.
- b. Will be attending Cleveland's Committee meeting later in May.

#### **4) Economic Empowerment**

- a. Working with NOACA to pursue significant Federal funding for environment initiatives.

#### **5) Education**

- a. 13 Scholarship applications received. 6 awarded. Good representation from across the county.
- b. Lake Erie College partnering with BloomBoard to offer remote education/ certificate programs for educators.

#### **6) Freedom Fund**

- a. Scholarships to be presented at Freedom Fund Banquet.
- b. Requesting nominations for Community Awards from Branch members. Nominations due by August 2023.

#### **7) Health**

- a. Pursuing possible Chair for this committee from Lake County General Health district.

#### **8) Juneteenth**

- a. Billy Holiday, from Women in History will present at the event.
- b. Maltz Museum of Jewish History will have several winners of their "Stop the Hate" contest present their essays.
- c. Recommendation from member to increase awareness of Juneteenth by requesting our existing partners provide information and encourage participation.

#### **9) Political Action**

- a. Seeking to have representation from the Board of Elections to encourage voter registration.

#### **10) Youth Work**

- a. President of Lake County Branch to present to Torchlight Youth regarding the importance of their vote.
- b. Working to attract 25 youth memberships to enable the creation of our Youth Counsel.
- c. Board members to seek partnership with other organizations in the county that are engaged with youth.

#### **11) WIN (Women in the NAACP)**

- a. Information will be sent to a member that may be interested in helping re-establish WIN since the passing of our previous WIN Chair.

**12) Partnerships**

- a. Breckenridge representative requested assistance in finding qualified speaker/educator to present on the topic of forced immigration and slavery in the U.S. at a forum to be scheduled for Fall, 2023.

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjourned 12:05 PM**