

**City of Keene**  
**New Hampshire**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. /JONATHAN DANIELS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**Trustee's Room, Library**

**Members Present:**

Derek Scalia, Chair  
Bill Hay, Vice-Chair  
Yves Gakunde  
Mandi Slate  
Ella MacDonald  
Melanie Everard (Late)

**Staff Present:**

Meghan Spaulding, Recreation Programmer

**Members Not Present:**

Dottie Morris

**1) Call to Order and Roll Call -**

Chair Scalia called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Roll call was conducted.

**2) Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2016**

Ms. Slate made a motion to adopt the minutes of January 13, 2016 as submitted. Mr. Gakunde seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**3) Finance Report –**

Ms. Spaulding reported the current balance is \$7,512.66 after the Keene Sentinel expenditure of \$190.40 from approved funds.

Mr. Gakunde made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented. Mr. Hay seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**4) New Members –**

Chair Scalia reported that Pastor Michael Hall's confirmation will take place at the next City Council meeting (Thursday). Pastor Hall will be a voting member of the Committee after he is sworn in at the City Clerk's office. Pastor Hall's appointment will bring the Committee to full membership.

**5) I Vote in Honor of Jonathan Daniels Proposal –**

Chair Scalia reported the proposed changes were made to the flyer before submittal as an ad in the Keene Sentinel. The ad (3.5 x 3.0 inches) will appear in both the Saturday and Sunday papers. In

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response to Mr. Gakunde Chair Scalia noted he would contact Dan Mitchell regarding radio air time tomorrow. Committee members agreed to keep this theme going for future general elections, and have something in place for local elections. Ms. Everard suggested running a full-page ad in November; suggesting people could donate \$5/each to help defray the cost. Chair Scalia commented other civic groups may want to join in. He commented this is a unifying, non-controversial issue (voting in honor of Jonathan Daniels).

**6) Informational Memo-**

After noting last month's Committee discussion to allow staff to work on the draft letter to City Council Chair Scalia read the draft to the Committee. He apologized for not having copies to distribute. After reading the letter the Committee consensus was that the letter should move forward to City Council. He indicated the letter would probably be presented to City Council during the March 2016 cycle.

**7) NewBusiness-**

1. MLK Breakfast- Chair Scalia reported on the breakfast noting a change in the format from previous years. He noted the event was uplifting and successful. Chair Scalia commented the Interfaith Clergy was kind to have the Committee as a sponsor even though no support was requested this year. He also indicated the Interfaith Clergy is now aware of the timelines for requesting support.

2. Our Kids- Mr. Gakunde indicated he would speak to Rudy Fedrizzi tomorrow for a follow-up on the Committee's role and the partnership (Monadnock 2020, KSC, and this Committee) status. Chair Scalia outlined this proposal for Ms. Everard.

3. D.C. Trip- No updates at this time.

4. Mr. Hay noted this is Black History month.

5. Ms. Everard noted her concern regarding the Nature's Classroom no longer doing the Underground Railroad as part of their activities. She noted the impact this activity had on her students.

**6. Franklin Pierce Upcoming Events-**

Chair Scalia reported on the following two events:

- February 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM- PBS documentary on the Black Panther's movement
- February 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM showing of Selma

**8) Adjourn-**

There being no further business Chair Scalia adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

**Next meeting:** March 2, 2016

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute Taker  
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