



"Founders of Black History Month"

**2010 ASALH Annual Conference
Local Arrangements Committee Meeting
April 13, 2010**

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) met on April 13, 2010 at 5:30 PM at the St. Augustine College Library. Ms. Sylvia Cyrus, the ASALH Executive Director, opened the meeting. Introductions were made.

Ms. Cyrus reviewed the agenda for today's meeting and the handouts:

- Information about ASALH's founder - Dr. Carter G. Woodson
- Volunteer roles
- The preliminary conference schedule, highlighting:
 - Academic sessions
 - Vendor/exhibitors
 - Plenary sessions
 - Special events - Journal Reception, Authors' Book Signing and the Closing Banquet

She then introduced Dr. Carlton Wilson, Chair of the Academic Program Committee. Dr. Wilson discussed:

- Academic Sessions

He noted that the academic sessions are the glue that keeps the conference together. 75% of the people that attend come for the sessions.

He also noted that there are places in the academic sessions for academic scholars, junior scholars and public scholars.

The Committee's goal is to have 135 academic sessions during the 2010 conference.

- Plenary Sessions

The themes for the plenary session are as follows:

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| Thursday: | Reparations |
| Friday: | History of Black Business and Entrepreneurship |
| Saturday: | Based on Betty Collier-Thomas' book – Jesus, Jobs and Justice: African American Women and Religion |

- Special/Highlight Sessions

These sessions will feature popular or celebrity personalities addressing "interesting topics" in the African American Community.

Dr. Wilson stressed that the committee plans to have the academic program finalized by the end of June. He also reminded us that the deadline for submission of papers is April 30, 2010.

Brandon Trainer updated us on the conference volunteer initiative. He noted that we need 200 volunteers. He encouraged person in attendance to sign up to volunteer.

Mr. Cyrus noted that the next LAC Committee Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, May 18, 2010
- Thursday June 10, 2010

They will be held at 5:30 Pm at the St. Augustine College Library.

The group then broke into the following work group.

1. Black History Tour
2. Media & Publicity
3. Honorary Co-Chairs
4. Vendors. Exhibitors & Advertisers
5. Program Support

Minutes/notes from the above workgroups are attached below.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the workgroup meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Gaynelle Adams Jackson

ASALH Workgroup Minutes/Notes

1. Black History Tour
2. Media & Publicity

3. Honorary Co-Chairs

Renita Lake of the ASALH staff and Mr. Alvin Borders of the Winston-Salem Urban League worked on this workgroup.

Mr. Borders suggestions the following persons as honorary co-chairs:

- Mr. Lloyd Yates - Progress Energy and board member of W/S Urban League. Marty Clayton is his Community Relations Officer.
- Denise Gatlin of Glaxo-Smith Klein - Ms. Gatlin is also a member of the board of the W/S Urban League.
- James Speed, North Carolina Mutual - Board member to the W/S Urban League. His assistant is Gracie Johnson-Lopez.
- Keith Granberry, President and CEO of W/S Urban League.

Ms. Lake will begin the process of contacting the above persons to schedule meeting with them and Ms. Cyrus during her May trip to Raleigh.

4. Vendors. Exhibitors & Advertisers

The work group identified the following persons/business under each category:

- Local Vendors:
 - Bruce Bridges 0 Durham, NC
 - Vanya Art Center – Gary, NC
 - Women’s Empowerment Expo – Durham, NC
 - Roundtable Fellows – Charlotte, NC (dolls, paintings. Gourds
 - Buffalo Soldiers
 - Art Space – salons & barbershops
 - Southeast Raleigh Coalition
 - African American Dance Ensemble – Youth
 - African Rhythms (dance) – Durham, NC
 - James Williams - Kingtin
- Exhibitors
 - Earth Essentials – Fiaunna Shivers-Goddess
 - Michelle Nichole – painter

- Former Store Owners – African American Bookstore –(Kamal) – Raleigh, NC
- Mop Top Shop (Science & Math for Kids) – Durham, NC
- Ras Jahiziel – Raleigh, NC
- Sponsors
 - Yellow Wood Group (Olalah Njenga – CEO)
 - African Land – Durham, NA (sponsor & vendor)
 - Yancey’s Restaurant
 - Local sorority & fraternity chapters
- Advertisers
 - K&S – Mr. Smith
 - Lee’s Kitchen
 - African American stores in Charlotte
 - Restaurants
 - Food for Life Supreme
 - Ethiopian Restaurants
 - Jamaican / Golden Crust
 - African Restaurants

5. Program Support

**ASALH
Programming Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
Prezell R. Robinson Library, St. Augustine’s College
April 13, 2010 6:30pm**

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Programming sub committee was called to order at 7:20pm on April 13, 2010 in the Prezell R. Robinson Library at St. Augustine’s College by committee chair, Linda Simmons-Henry.

Present: A List of Attendees has been submitted to R. Renita Lake.

A. Purpose of Programming Committee

Chair Linda Simmons-Henry opened dialogue about the purpose and function of the programming committee. The role and responsibility of this sub-committee is:

- To identify and select prominent ministerial leaders to serve the invocation and benediction at forthcoming events.
- To identify and choose possible musical entertainment ensembles to perform at various functions.
- To select an notable community leader to serve

B. Open Issues

1. Ministers

A proposed list of local clergymen was discussed and reviewed, to designate church leaders to render the invocation and benediction during forthcoming events. The following names were submitted to be added to the proposed Clergymen List:

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- Dr. Linda Bryan, Assistant Dean, *Shaw University Divinity School*
- Dr. Earl Johnson, *Pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church*

Committee discussed and selected the following ministerial leaders as proposed invocators for upcoming events:

Thursday, September 30, 2010

Noon-Day Luncheon

- Dr. Earl Johnson, *Pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church*
- Father William Maddox, *Chaplain of St. Augustine's College*

Friday, October 1, 2010

Carter G. Woodson Luncheon

- Dr. William Barber, *President of NC NAACP*
- Dr. Dumas Harshaw, *First Baptist of Raleigh*
- Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, *Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of NC*

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Noon-Day Luncheon

- Dr. Quincy Scott, *Chaplin of Shaw University*
- Rev. Michael Page, *Campus Pastor at North Carolina Central University*

ASALH Annual Banquet

- Dr. David Forbes, *Pastor of Christian Faith Baptist Church*
- Rev. Gregory L. Edmund, *Pastor of St. Paul AME*
- Rev. Cheryl D. Moore, *Pastor of Zion Temple UCOC*

Sunday, October 3, 2010

ASALH Ecumenical Breakfast

- Dr. Linda Bryan, *Assistant Dean of Shaw University Divinity School*
- Dr. Daphne Wiggins-Obie, *Assistant Pastor, Union Baptist-Durham*

Concern: Committee members asked was it the responsibility of the committee to draft and contact the proposed ministers with a formal letter of invitation for the forthcoming events or will it be handled by the ASALH Staff?

2. Entertainment Committee

The Committee discussed local musical artist, groups and bands to perform during the proposed events. The committee discussed and proposed the following musical artist for entertainment during events:

- Mixed Water Jazz Ensemble NCCU Faculty Jazz Band
- Thomas Taylor Quintet Magdum Shout Band
- Joy Bryant, Soloist
- Envision
- Sweet Dreams

Concern: Members expressed concerns about budget cost to compensate proposed performers. What would the budget include and where would the needed funds come from?

3. Emcees for event functions

- Dr. Dudley Flood
- Eric Curry
- Maria Marbet
- Rev. Ronzell Bell

C. Continued Business for Next Meeting

- Seeking budgetary expenses to compensate music artists.
- Formal letters of invitation to proposed clergy after finalization is complete.
- began contacting musical entertainment for booking information.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by Sylvia Cyrus. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm on May 18, 2010 in the Prezell R. Robinson Library at St. Augustine's College.

Minutes submitted by: Linda Simmons-Henry