

MASW SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

MINUTES, MARCH 19, 2010 MEETING

The March meeting of MASW Springfield Branch was called to order at 12 noon on March 19, 2010. Those in attendance were: Kandra Phillips(MSU), Dewayne Long (NAMI), Mary Ann Jennings(MSU) Ann Johnson (MASW-KC), Carol Zablocki (MCHRRCR).

There were no minutes from the last previous meeting to be read.

Treasurer Paul Goodwin reported that Springfield MASW has a balance of \$276.00.

OLD BUSINESS

-None to be reported.

NEW BUSINESS

-Kandra Phillips was elected Chair of the Springfield Branch of MASW, Carol Zablocki assumed the task of Secretary.

-Carol Zablocki gave an update on what is happening with the Springfield Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations(MCHRRCR). After 6 months of working with a strategic planning group, the Commission has finalized its action plan, as charged by City Council last August and has approved same, after some minor editorial changes. Some actions still need to have costs assigned to them for the upcoming budget process. Once this has been done, the action plan will go before City Council for review and approval.

-The MCHRRCR and the Springfield Branch of MASW are looking forward to collaborative efforts in training and education. Both organizations will benefit by mutual support. This will be a win-win situation for both groups.

-Ann Johnson, MASW-KC, made a presentation re: the upcoming annual conference to be held Nov 4-5 of this year at Lake of the Ozarks Port Arrowhead Resort. The MASW conference committee that by having the conference more centrally located, more folks will be able to attend. Ann stated that we need to get more progressives to participate MASW and attend our functions. Scholarships will once again be available for students to attend the annual meeting.

The title of this year's conference is "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Social Justice: A Call to Action." Ann did say that they are looking for keynote speakers. It was suggested that Springfield MASW may be able to get Francine Pratt, the President of the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, as a speaker. Kandra will check on this.

-Kandra reported on the MASW board meeting that was held on Saturday, March 13th in Jefferson City at the MASW offices.

She stated that we should check on the website to keep up to date with what is happening in the legislature and what actions MASW is taking. She stated that the Human Rights Task force is developing a presentation by David Harris from Pittsburgh PA on police profiling. And the HRTF does have to grant funds available to help defray costs for his travel, expenses, etc. We may be able to host one of his sessions in Springfield.

-The Springfield NAACP will be holding it Black and White Ball on May 15th. Springfield MASW will be taking out a small ad in its program.

-We are working on getting a facebook page for Springfield MASW.

NEXT MEETING:

To be Friday, April 16, 2010, at 12 noon at the Midtown Branch of the Springfield Library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Submitted by Caro Zablocki, Secretary