



Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

Held at: *Clear Springs Restaurant, Tyler, TX*

Meeting was conducted as follows:

- ✓ Jeff Williams opened with each attendee introducing themselves.
 - Total number of attendees: 15
- ✓ Meeting Agenda was presented by Jeff Williams with the Mission of Tyler Together Race Relations being elaborated upon and explained.
 - Topics addressed: Review of Meeting Agenda per item:
 - 2017 was the 6th year that Tyler Together Race Relations Forum has been responsible for organizing. Rev. Jerome Milton had organized for the past 31 years.
 - MLK Day is held the 3rd Monday of January each year.
 - Mike Taliaferro –Mentioned having Ideas for MLK Day for next year. Mike to send Ideas via email for Jeff Williams & Committee to Review.
- ✓ **2017 Major Goals**
 - 501c3 Formation – In Progress with *BJ Hornbostel* overseeing.
 - Expanding Community Outreach
 - Reach +200 subscribers to Newsletter
 - Reach +1000 followers on FB
 - Suggestion given by attendee: *Jennyfer Keohane* on making changes to FB page to reach a larger group of people.
 - Question asked: Does Tyler have a Citizen Advisory Committee? By *Charles Parkes III*.
 - Answer: City has tentatively agreed to form a Citizen Advisory Committee, with Details & Authority being developed.
 - Leverage New committees
 - Forum Planning
 - Question asked: How often does Tyler Together meet?
 - Answer: Goal is to meet every other Month=a total of 4-5 times a year.
 - Contact/Interest
 - Suggested expanding MLK Day by starting on the Sunday Evening before MLK Day.



✓ Tyler Partners For Peace Discussion

- Current Status
- Collective IMPact Approach...
 - *Christina Fulsom* gave definition of Collective Impact: *Diverse Organization/Individuals working together for a single goal.*
- Organizational Outreach
 - Recruiting Other Organizations....
 - City of Tyler....
 - Smith County....
 - TISD – Jeff Williams spoke with Dr. Crawford, TISD Superintendent
 - Art of Peace
 - Tyler United
 - East Texas Parents of LGBT
 - Tyler Organization of Men
 - Young Professional Hispanic Association
 - Tyler Together Race Relations Forum is yet looking for other organizations to recruit.
- Suggestion for Fund Raising was given by *Von Criswell*:
 - Bring in National Speaker with Clout to Tyler such as:
 - *Jeffery Shaun King*

✓ Roundtable Discussion (i.e., upcoming events, community news)

- Agenda handout included several upcoming events for the month of February, 2017.
 - *BJ Hornbostle* mentioned the Meet & Greet Welcome Reception for UT Tyler's President: *Michael V. Tidwell, Ph.D.*, February 23, 2017, 4-6 pm UT Tyler University.
 - Tyler Together Group referred to review the sight: www.TylerInTheKnow.Com
 - Marshall, Texas has developed a Ministerial Advisory Committee.
- Women Of Tyler Luncheon was mention by Dorinda Williams. Luncheon will be held March 23, 2017; 11 am at the Rose Garden Center, Tyler, TX; Tickets are \$30.00

Meeting was adjourned.