



November 18, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom

Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Lakesha Hill, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Debbie Vives, Kristina (Tina) Patterson

City Council Liaison: Amanda Clements

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:04 and noted quorum was not present. Agenda was approved as written.

Update from Bulloch BOE Meeting – Lakesha Hill gave an update from the most recent BOE meetings. There was discussion of a recent fighting incident at Statesboro High – BOE intends to send the message that this behavior will not be tolerated. Purchasing is looking into new school for Brooklet.

The Education Committee of the NAACP met with Mr. Wright (Principal, Statesboro High) to ask what support is needed. They welcome the opportunity to partner, opportunities for mentorship, but stress the need for consistency. Statesboro High identified issues contributing to the problem: indicated they have a difficult time getting parents out to the school, students use phones to message and meet up. Teachers are now monitoring the halls and students indicate they feel safer, but teachers are losing their planning period.

Discussion of Parent U model/other models for supporting families in Statesboro – we discussed the Parent University model of providing workshops for families, and their approach to getting buy in from parents, graduation event, give aways at events based on identified needs (laptops were one example) meeting families where they are (housing projects, schools).

Renata Newbill-Jallow suggested having an event to ask families what they would like to see in future events. We discussed hosting a brunch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (1/17) The NAACP usually sponsors an afternoon parade and an evening ceremony, but there is nothing in the morning. All members present were in support.

Possible Event with Beloved Community – we discussed partnering with Beloved Community for a youth focused Facilitated Group Listening community healing event. All members present were in support.

Unfinished Business

Plans for movie event at Luetta Moore – Kristina Patterson indicated that she would turn the planning of this event over to the Programming committee.

Announcements:

Feed the Boro food drop on Saturday (11/20).

Recycling Drive on 1/18/22 – will include paper shredding, tree mulching, textile recycling, used medication drop off.

Next steps/ Action Items:

Lakesha Hill to check with NAACP on MLK Day parade start time.

Kristina Patterson to check with city on their comfort level with an event in January/any COVID precautions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55