

Middleton Alumni meeting 11/7/2020

Present: Pat Cooper
Yvonne Douglas
Ronita Durant
Fred Hearn
Denese Meteye James
Pastor Earl Bernard Mason
Apolonia Mendoza
Luvator Nelson
Vicki Sabree
Calvin Simmons
Woodrow Simmons
Albert Smith
Debra Smith
Jeannette Williams

President Luvator Nelson opened the meeting at 10:03am

Woodrow Simmons led us in prayer.

All made congratulatory remarks/gestures for Henry 'Shake' Washington as the newly elected Hillsborough County School Board Member for District 5.

Fred mentioned that three of the four council members who won election were Middletonians.

Group also extended congratulations to fellow alum, Doretha Wynn Edgcombe; the Children's Board of Hillsborough County named the new Resource Center in her name: **Dorothy Wynn Edgcombe Children Board Family Resource Center!**

President LUVATOR called on Ronita for the reading the minutes.

Minutes had been distributed early enough so that members could read and review and be prepared to make comments during the meeting. Accordingly, and absent any comments, Albert Smith made a Motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Fred Seconded. Motion was approved.

Pat Cooper made financial report. Pat concluded by acknowledging Albert and Debra efforts by recruiting family members into active alumni status. (Financial Report is attached.)

Question for report: Ronita asked for clarification on the \$200 item for tickets for the month of October. With that exchange, both agreed to accuracy of the \$200: Ted Scott - \$50, Sally Holt Smith - \$25, Debra Smith \$50, Bernard Mason \$50, Mary Taylor \$25.

Calvin questioned overall balance. After discussion it was determined that entry balance was correct.

Albert asked about the absence of the Eddie "Zip" Smith Scholarship Fund. Financial Report did not disclose the \$150 contribution; thus, that correction would warrant a revision to the Financial Report. Discussions being satisfactory, Albert moved that the financial report be accepted as discussed and corrected. Fred Seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Ronita 'screen-shared' the updated Raffle Report, and presented a detailed explanation of the ticket selling and distribution process, who sold and paid what amounts, who still had tickets yet unsold, the total dollars expected to date, and total ultimately expected to be collected. With all tickets sold, gross collections would total \$2,205.00. Ronita has already purchased the 65 inch TV at a cost of \$248.38

Ronita thanked all for their efforts at selling raffle tickets, and announced that all outstanding tickets must be turned-in before the **DRAWING** on December 5th. After explaining the process, and Ronita offered that the location of the drawing could be at her residence, as long as members would be present to witness the *actual* raffle ticket drawing. (Raffle Report is attached). Those members attending the drawing also could participate, while there, in the regular meeting scheduled for that date.

So that she can properly prepare, Denese suggested that members let Ronita know if they planned to *show up* or not show up, at her home on December 5th.

Denese mentioned that on the November 21st, a thanksgiving giveaway at Cyrus Screen Park. It's a drive-thru, so no one needs to get out of their cars. Denese will send information to Yvonne for distribution.

Yvonne asked Calvin to bring the rest of the membership cards to her next week.

Pastor Mason attempted to comment, but audio was scrambled; so, Denese volunteered to send out information about his book publications, where it is available, the costs, as well as submit updates on future books.

Yvonne announced that a Clothing Drive, and food for needy families will be distributed by New Mount Zion church.

Woody gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

