## Unit Quarterly Report

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## **Summary of Standing Committee Activities**

Political Action
Chaired by Dana Courtney

Our PAC remains our largest and most active committee. With local elections in November, our PAC has furthered their efforts in registering voters and participated in multiple voter registration drives. These occurred at various festivals, community events and local parks & coffee shops. They have also continued to participate in visits to Rep Mark Walkers office every Tuesday at 10am and attend local city council, board of elections & county commissioner meetings. For our September General Meeting, local candidates running for office were invited to come speak to members of our branch and it was well attended. Our PAC is in the process of arranging three local screening of the documentary "Millennials of the Moral Movement: Prelude."

Criminal Justice
Chaired by Donna Vanhook

Our criminal justice committee continues to communicate with local law enforcement about fair treatment of racial minorities. They have also participated in community events such as the Marrow Town Revival, a free medicine give away and plan to participate in an upcoming event at Shaw University entitled the "Souls of Brown & Black Girls".

Education
Chaired by Dorothy Yarborough

Our Education committee advocated for stronger public schools throughout the quarter by attending Alamance-Burlington School Board meetings and working closely with local organizations such as "Fill the Gap" and the alliance formed by pubic school teachers. We also hosted a school supply drive at our August General Meeting in which we collected roughly 20 book bags filled with school supplies which were given out during our community meal.

HKonJ/People's Assembly Chaired by Isaac Lopez

We continue to work closely with coalition partners. In August we co-hosted a two-part panel discussion with one of our coalition partners, Down Home NC, entitled, "Alamance After Charlottesville;

Where do we go from here?". We have also sponsored Alamance Pride for the Pride event on October 7<sup>th</sup> and have a both in which we will provide people with membership information. The committee is also working closely the communications committee to begin preparations for HKonJ.

Communications
Chaired by Brittany Roach & Sarah Vetter

Our communications committee has continued to see high growth in social media views, likes & followers. They also produced a brochure to be handed out at different events and distributed to minority-owned businesses. A new t-shirt for the branch has also been designed and will be used as a fundraiser & for marketing purposes beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee Chairs have also worked with the press regarding occurrences at our county courthouse regarding the Robert E Lee statue. Members of the communications committee continued to attend local events, registration drives & governing meetings throughout the quarter and posted them across social media and the website to inform the public on policies & community involvement.

Economic Development Chaired by Grant Royster

Our economic development committee manages our community meal program, which feeds members of the community every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the Bynum Center in Burlington. This quarter, on average, we served 60 community members per meal and had around 5-10 volunteers a visit. This program also gives us an opportunity to gain members from the branch and work closely with coalition partners. School supplies collected during our August General Meeting were also given out to local children during the meal.

Membership
Chaired by Shirley Conyard

Membership in the Alamance NAACP continues to grow. Our membership has nearly doubled in the past 12 months and the committee works closely with the communications committee to reach out to millennials.

Religious Affairs Chaired by LaShauna Austria

Our newly-formed religious affairs committee will begin meeting in the first week of October. The chair, LaShauna Austria, plans to reach out to different faith leaders in the community. Members of the branch also attended an El-Adha celebration. A vigil for the victims in Charlottesville was also organized and covered widely by the press.

## **Branch Summary**

At the beginning of this quarter, and incident regarding the Robert E Lee statue at the Alamance County court house occurred. In response to that incident and the one in Charlottesville, VA, our branch organized a vigil, President Barrett Brown spoke with local news outlets, and members of the branch participated in a panel discussion we co-hosted with our coalition partner, Down Home NC. We are also undergoing efforts to remove the statue from the court house.

Municipal Elections are also taking place in Alamance and we have largely focused on registering voters, promoted early voting & registration, and provided candidates a platform to speak on to inform

voters. We are also participating in Pride on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Members of the branch and our executive committee will attend the upcoming State Conference and delegates have been elected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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