Johnson County NAACP # 4038

General Membership Meeting

June 5, 2021

Virtual – Zoom

**Call to order:** at 12:26 p.m.by the Parliamentarian, Wanda Vaughn. Delayed meeting time due to zoom link

mix up causing two (2) meeting sites to open. **Sign Language:** Robin Olson, a signing interpreter is present.

**Agenda approval:** Done

**Minute approval: Motion** to approve from Brenda Shivers; Second by Kay Heley.

**Reports: Membership:** chair, Valerie Johnson reporting. \*Active members = 311. May membership report pending. \*Membership survey yielded 36 replies. Top 3 reasons for membership were: opportunity to fight for

justice, Programs and events and Community involvement. Top 3 issues reason you’d like to see working Unit work on are: racism, voter registration and law enforcement. \*Committee is developing a generic business card that will be available to all members. \* Thank you to Wandra Minor for her successful efforts in bringing the City of Overland to membership.

**Political Action:** chair, Darnell Hunt, reporting. \*Voter right are being threatened. \*Voter restrictive laws across the country including Kansas are being passed. \*Challenges from organizations have begun, including the Kansas NAACP State Conference of Branches. \*Our grant from the Black Community Fund will allow us to pursue endeavors and to partner with others who are addressing these issues. \*PA committee meet June 12th at noon. **Noted:** President request that all committees announce their meeting dates and times to the membership.

**Health:** co-chair, Robin Barber, reporting. \*Noted Juneteenth Celebration attendance still warrants masking and social distance. \* June is Prostate Awareness and Alzheimer’s month. KU is holding Alzs clinical trials.

\*More Covid symptoms are being noted; hearing loss and heart inflammation. \*There will be Covid testing and vaccine at the JT Celebration.

**Presenter:** Darnell Hunt introduced, Kylei Brooks, the Care Resource Coordinator from the Johnson County Health Dept. Robin Olsen, present to sign for her. \*One of her duties is to help navigate the Covid resources.

\*Health Dept Van will be present at the Celebration for testing and vaccinations. \* She encouraged notifying her for events where crowds are gathering. \*Volunteers are needed for JT event. \*R. Barber offered the Black Nurses Association. Noted: Carol Fields reminded that the Library will share test kits this Summer.

**Legal Redress:** Chris Kostelac reporting. \*Two (2) complaints received (one not a civil rights issue). Scheduled meeting to follow up.

**Press & Publicity:** Meeting planed for June 8th. Member, JoAnn Herron commenting. \*Junteenth Celebration at Franklin Park on June 19th. \* Looking for Volunteers to help with the event. \*Looking to update website with strategies that encourage others to join. \* C Kostelac noted that Legal Redress should be prominent on the website with easy access.

**President:** commentswere on pending events. \*Political Action meeting on June 12th \*WIN event during Child Safety Awareness Month will take place at Shawnee Church of the Nazarene on June 12th from noon to 2:00 p.m. \*State Conference of Branches meeting on June 26th. Hosted by our Unit.

**Adjournment:** All business complete, **motion** to adjourn from Wanda Vaugh; second from Chris Kostelac.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie George