Johnson County NAACP #4038

General Membership Meeting

April 2, 2022

Virtual via Zoom (recorded)

**Call to order & prayer**: by the President E. Jay Holbert at 12:03 p.m.

**Agenda approval: Motion** to accept by Amber Pagan; second from Gloria Snowden.

**Minutes approval: Motion** to accept by Amber Pagan; second from Wanda Vaughn.

**Treasurer report:** No representative present. Tabled.

**Guest Presentation:**  KAAAC, Kansas African American Affairs Commission, Executive Director, Stacy Knoell was newly appointed by Governor Laura Kelly. She serves as the non-partisan liaison on African American concerns to the Governor. She travels the State hosting Town Hall meetings to listen to citizens concerns. Innumerable citizen concerns involve a great variety of issues. She touched on Covid vaccine disparities, State Legislative Bills, redistricting maps and gerrymandering, voter suppression and other voting related points. Her conversation on the importance of diversity on Boards and Commissions led to her encouraging the membership to consider the numerous opportunities to serve in our communities. Serving as poll workers is a short term commitment. There was a Q & A session.

**Reports: Education:** chair, Gloria Snowden reporting. \*Report from the SMSD Superintendent’s Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & Equity has HBCU graduates as a part of their employee search. \*Committee member, Wanda Vaughn attended the SMW Book Club meeting. Next mtg on June 6th

**Membership:** chair Valerie Johnson reporting. \*Active members total 340. \* Continuing efforts to increase the rolls. \*Continuous updating of contact information. \* Plans for updating the Unit brochure continue.

**Noted:** From Wanda Vaugh, the web designer is requesting information emails from Committees to share on the website. **FYI, Popup message:** 2022 is election year for the Unit.

**Potitical Action:** chair Ulysses Wright reporting. \*Committee met on April1st. \*Discussed redistricting law suits. \*Planning a booth for Juneteenth. \*A community support group is requesting partnership. Organizer invited to Unit meeting. Will check with the State conference for guidance. \* Carol Fields gave update on poll workers training. There is pay for training and for working the election. \*\Wright noted that all election information will be posted on the website.

**Announcement:** BLM+Stand up for Prairie Village has a panel discussion planned for April 3rd to discuss housing issues. The public is invited.

**Adjournment:** All business complete, **motion** to adjourn from Wanda Vaughn. 2nd from B. George.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie George