



General Body Meeting Report – January 5, 2010

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Youth and Mentoring

Jabari Jackson

MOULYP and the Year Ahead

Location: Disney Entrepreneur Center, 315 East Robinson St, Orlando, FL 32801

Call to order: 6:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved as posted

Attendance: 41 (20 members and 21 visitors)

Moderator: Darnelle Cadet

Leadership Council:

Present: Karen Anderson, Tristesia Bellamy, Dinam Bigny, Regina Cotton, Robert Foster, Peter Hornbuckle, Jabari Jackson, LaShea Laster, Rudy Saint Cyr, Michelle Scott, Tai Thomas, Carlyn Tribble, and Ben Wilson

Absent: Monica Cameron, Antonio Mackey

Special Guest: Michael D. Lewellen, Board Chairman, Metropolitan Orlando Urban League

The President's Announcements

- MOULYP will be organizing its 5th year anniversary next April
- The Young Professionals are active across Central Florida
- The current account balance of the association from the Treasurer's book is **\$3092.68**
- The goal of National Urban League chapters for 2010 is to raise **\$4,800** towards the affiliate
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 - The Young Professionals of the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League are invited to an evening of celebration and style sponsored by *Mercedes Benz of South Orlando & Elite Status* on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. More information is available on the website at www.yporlando.org.
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Debates:

The meeting was open by Michelle Scott, the Chapter Relations Chair, who introduced the Leadership council followed by the showing of a video on the Young Professionals.

Corporate Sponsorship

- YP is seeking corporate and personal sponsorship for 2010. Interested parties should contact the Corporate Sponsorship Chair Robert Foster III at corporate@yporlando.org

Community Service

As the new Chair for Community Service, Tristesia “Trish” Bellamy explained that she is part of the solution for the development of the community.

- YP is seeking volunteers for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Parade, on January 16, 2010. Details about this event are available at <http://yporlando.org/events.html> or by contacting community@yporlando.org. The Community Service Committee will be planning additional events throughout the year such as a community black celebration in February, the Relay for Life in April, and Habitat for Humanity with a date to be determined.

Civic Engagement

Ben Wilson, the Civic Engagement Chair, explained the objective of civic engagement as a way to improve social equality in the community, to develop constituency, mobilization, advocacy, and capacity amongst the Young Professionals community. The civic engagement calendar for 2010 includes:

- The Civic Engagement Committee conference call – January 20, 2010, 8:00 p.m., telephone 218-339-3505 ext. 157
- The Cook for Men of Coalition food drive – June 12, 2010
- The green education/job fair – August 21, 2010
- The political forum – September 7, 2010

Events/Public relations

The Events/Public Relations Committee Chair, Carlyn Tribble, made an active call to members and other chapters to be involved in MOULYP events shown on bellow’s calendar:

- The Annual Fashion and Poetry Showcase – February 27, 2010, hosted at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel
- The Summer Kick Back Party – Date and location TBD
- YP Annual Holiday Party – Date and location TBD

Personal and Professional Development

There will be a meeting named Night of Empowerment 2 (date TBD) hosted by the committee as explained by Rudy Saint-Cyr, the Personal and Professional Development Chair.

Financial Empowerment

The African American group has one of the largest buying powers in the United States, but less than one half of the African American population is proactive in their finances with the lowest percentage of people saving. LaShea Laster, the Financial Empowerment Chair has made her goal to improve financial intelligence and dialogue in Young Professionals for 2010. YP will be hosting a seminar (date TBD) on savings plan and techniques to maximize income potential. Important dates of meetings for financial empowerment are:

- January 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. , location: Panera Bread Fashion Square Mall – Committee Meeting

Youth and Mentoring

It was the first meeting for Jabari Jackson in his role as the new Youth and Mentoring Chair. He talked about guiding our youth in the right direction and need for talent and resources. He asked the audience to become role models for the youth. The program for 2010 about youth and mentoring will focus on the National Day of Service, the Leadership Youth Summit, and a college road trip with the schedule to be announced soon.

Membership

As the Membership Committee Chair for the third year, Tai Thomas stressed her experience at YP by a few words: “great time together”, “extended networking”, “opportunities”, and “service”, to name a few. She encouraged visitors to join the organizations.

The National Urban League

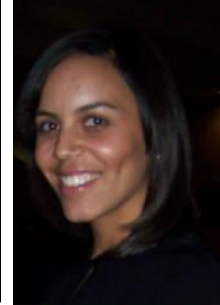
Michael Lewellen, Chairman of the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League Board, gave the assembly the update on the CEO search for the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, which has been vacant since the departure of Dr. E. Lance McCarthy. The search has now been reduced to 4 finalists and the winner will be announced by mid January. The new CEO’s agenda will be centered on 4 focus areas:

- Financial stability of the organization and fundraising

- Value proposition and reinstatement for the Urban League around membership
- Restoration of the reputation
- An annual signature event to reintroduce the organization to the community

Additional Announcements:

For information about Joining MOULYP, please contact the Membership Chair, Tai Thomas, at membership@yporlando.org



- The Legislative Policy Conference will be held from March 23-25, 2010 in Washington, D.C.
- There will be a Lead Out Loud event at the University of Central Florida on January 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. which will be centered on networking skills development. This event will be open to volunteer speakers who would like to participate.
- Additional information regarding the Young Professionals are available at <http://yporlando.org/>

Useful link(s)

- The National Urban League
<http://www.nul.org/>

Adjourning: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



The General Body Meeting Report is written by the Secretary, Dinam Bigny