

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2000

The Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Lonnie King on January 5, 2000, in the Kilgore Campus Center, Morehouse College.

The agenda was adopted with minor adjustments.

Members present were as follow: Anne (Ruth) Borders-Patterson, Clarence T. Martin, Althea Brown, Mary Ann Sumrall, Julius E. Coles, Morris Dillard, Brenda Cole, Dan Mitchell, Willis Sheftall, Wylma L. Blanding, Joseph Draper and Lonnie C. King.

Report from the Monuments Committee:

Willis stated that he had been in touch with Karen by e-mail and agreed with her recommendation that an exhibit necessitates a great deal of maintenance. He gave three options for consideration; namely, exhibit; maybe one on each campus (they deteriorate over time) a monument appropriately placed and a piece of artwork placed at the Woodruff Library. Fund raising would be necessary if we go with the monument; however, the commemoration celebration could serve as a kickoff for the fund raising and in the interim use the same exhibit from the 30th anniversary for a temporary display.

Brenda stated that Alice Washington had checked out the availability of a marker to be placed at the corner of Fair and Brawley where Yates and Milton used to be. Brenda said that this piece

had been cleared with Tom Cole and was a done deal. She said that we should not drop this. Lonnie asked her to pursue getting the marker placed. Lonnie said the language on all of the projects should challenge and inspire young people even in 2030. It was mentioned that Rodney had done work on the marker.

Morris voiced a dissenting view on the exhibit. He feels that the idea of a permanent exhibit should be further explored. He stated that there are ways to do the exhibit that will minimize the maintenance associated with it. Morris stated that he had an AUC center-wide place in mind. It was agreed upon by all that such a place is needed, if possible.

Lonnie asked Willis and Karem to work on the exhibit and a more formal notion of the monument. Wylma Blanding voiced her concern over the shortness of time remaining to pull together the commemorative celebration. Willis stated that time is short but we can get the job done. He will have a definite program to present at the next meeting on February 10, 2000.

Clarence Martin expressed his favorable concern for including the opinions of the students in the planning process. Lonnie told the committee that the AUC leadership presidents have voted to endorse something happening at this time and have committed their support to it.

The Planning Committee compressed the celebration from three days to two days; Saturday and Sunday. Lonnie requested Anne Ruth and Willis Sheftall to give the committee a new schedule reflecting changes.

MARCH/LAYING OF WREATH/CIVIL RIGHTS TEXT

A discussion of the March brought out several points of views with a consensus of opinions pointing to the need to query the students and let them decide for or against the march.

It was brought out that there are several courses scattered throughout the schools that address the Civil Rights Movement to one degree or another. It was agreed upon that producing a civil rights movement text could be a recommendation from the planning committee. Further, annual workshop series, rather than workshops every ten years were recommended and that the research items that are in our library are made known and readily available to our students.

DRAFT REPORT FROM SECOND APPEAL COMMITTEE

Herschelle Challenor was traveling to Africa and could not be available for the meeting, but in her stead, Danny Mitchell presented the committee's report.

Danny distributed two handouts; namely "Economy Security" by Daniel Mitchell and "Crime and Criminal Justice" from Johnny Parham.

Danny reminded the committee that the program sub-committee did not have the intent that their suggestions were fixed but were to be discussed by the Planning Committee.

After discussion, it was decided that if the reports for publication were not ready by the next meeting let Herschelle fax or e-mail them to the Planning Committee for comments.

Morris asked who would sign the appeal. Lonnie said this would work its way out.

A discussion of the budget ensued with members recognizing that money was needed to support the activities such as the full-page advertisement of the second appeal. Money and in-kind contributions must be raised for his celebration. Sub-committees will submit their requests at the next meeting.

Althea was asked to develop letterhead for the reunion and present it at the next meeting. Charles Black should be consulted.

1. Exhibit on third floor of Woodruff Library.
2. Series of events around March 30, 2000.
3. As a long-range project, a monument will be placed. Site to be determined.
4. Place a piece of artwork at the Woodruff Library as a kind of monument.
5. Workshops beginning on Saturday.
6. A reception on Saturday night for students and participants.
7. A reunion reception funded by Herman Russell and coordinated by Frank Holloway and John Smith for January 25, 2000.
8. March – did not settle this issue; the committee might have a press conference. The committee may just do a commemorative wreath.

9. Memorial service on Sunday morning.
10. Next meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2000 in Kilgore Hall, Morehouse College. Telephone 404-688-3554. Please be on time.

UPDATE: Dr. Clinton Warner has agreed to donate \$8,000.00 to pay for the publication of the second appeal. Lonnie will discuss this point and more detail at the meeting on the 10th of February.