

L.E.A.P. Organization

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

February 5, 2011 @ 8:30am

In Attendance: Richard Reason Garrett, Rich Garrett, Yolanda Stewart, Tamira Cole, Ariel Stephens

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am with opening prayer by Rich Garrett. President Tamira Cole opens with discussing what would be discussed at the meeting such as January and February monthly activities as well as the up and coming Step and Stomp Off. CEO Richard Reason Garrett discusses the various activities that would be taken place starting this month and the month of March. In February, it is known as Diversity Month which instead of focusing on black history, we want students to learn about other cultures in a fun, interactive, and educational way. The Diversity potluck which was originally scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> will be changed to the end of the month on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The guest speakers will also be presented on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as well with Electra Frederick speaking on behalf of the Filipino culture and Elizabeth Adamaki(sp) who works for the HOPE organization and will be speaking on behalf of the Hispanic culture. The event on February 28<sup>th</sup> has been revamped as well. Richard will be discussing with those who attend the Bible and Basketball function on Mondays if they could change up the format and have a banquet in the Emmanuel Life Center and have some of the mentors to come in support the black community as a way of connecting to everyone and honoring the last day of Black History Month. As he ends on February's tasks, he begins talking about March which is opening up to be an extremely busy month. March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a Collegiate Scavenger Hunt which President Cole said she would be a part of. March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have guest

speakers from colleges (recruiters and admission counselors) to come in and let the youth know how to register for college and what needs to be done to prep for college. March 16<sup>th</sup> is the March Madness Basketball Tournament and Richard expressed his view on making it an event strictly for the youth instead of inviting the Monday crowd that would normally participate in the event. Finally on March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Collegiate Trivia test which basically puts everything that they have learned in the month of March about college recruitment into a series of questions and rewarding them based on their accomplishments.

After discussing some of the key highlights of the month, Richard begins discussing the plans of the big event which is the Stomp and Sound Off Crew Challenge @ Kenwood High School from 3-7. To begin this, Richard passes out the budget for the event. We have already bought the tickets and flyers. There will be (2) categories: Step and Dance. We all began debating if we would have a battle of the bands between Pearl Cohn and Whites Creek but no contact has been made to either. Treasurer Rich Garrett voiced his opinion as to whether it is even a good idea to have a band battle because of the time allotted for the entire show and Mentor Program Director Yolanda Stewart agreed and said that it would be best to just keep it at as a Step and Dance team competition which was later agreed and approved by all members of the Board to keep it between the (2) categories. As far as scholarship, there will be (5) Seniors during the award presentation of the Stomp and Sound Off as well as (1) \$500 scholarship on behalf of LEAP. We are also collecting sponsors for the event. HOPE is giving us \$500 towards the event. There are (4) sponsor levels. Bronze Package will be \$100, Silver Package: \$250, Gold Package: \$500, and Platinum Package: \$1000. F&M Bank will be a Silver Package thanks to Director Stewart. There will be (2) radio stations broadcasting the event live which will be Praise Radio and 101.9 The Light. As far as cleaning up the event goes, (2) custodians will be

there to clean up during and after the event as well as (5) security guards will be enforced and on hand for the duration of the whole event. Awards will be as follows....1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a cash prize of \$250 in each category which totals up to \$500 collectively, trophies will be rewarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and small gifts for the other teams. We have a total of (10) teams that will be competing and all from Clarksville will be there except Northeast but currently, working on the principle to change her mind so their step team will be allowed to compete. Director Yolanda Stewart delegates that each person needs to have a list of responsibilities for the event to relieve some of the pressure off Richard and allow us (Board of Directors) to help share in the event. Sis. Stewart will be in charge of reaching out to area churches and ask for their support to get on their youth to come out for the event. Sis. Cole will be taking the lead on calling vendors for the event (using the Convenient Shopper as a great resource as well as reaching out to her church and Great Missionary Baptist Church. Sis. Stephens will be taking the role of calling the team's directors and reminding them of the due date approaching for the packets as well as reaching out to St. Peter AME Church and Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church. In close, Richard Garrett informed us that LEAP has signed up and is actively a part of 100% GRADUATION which will allow us to go and talk to at risk teens about the importance of finishing school and continuing their education. Rich Garrett informs us of our funds in the accounts and as of today, we have \$250.68 in savings and \$549.54 in our checking which does not include the \$100 donation that was received after the meeting. Also, we have Applebee's on board to donate free meals as door prizes or awards to the teams or to raffle off. We closed the meeting at 10:05am.