

Global Black Caucus Steering Committee Minutes
Saturday, March 4, 2023

Present:

Leedonal Moore (Jazz) Chair
Laura Allen (Deputy Secretary)
Starla (Star) Goggins (Secretary)
Adrienne Johnson (Advisory/Liaison)
Natalie Bachiri (Reparations Deputy)
Malaika Kusumi (Communications)
Evelyn Riera (Comms Deputy and Engagement)

Regrets:

Jennifer Edwards (GBC Co-Chair)
Adrienne George, (DNC BC Rep)
Twanna Hines (Health and Equity)
Antar Keith (Reparations)
Beverle Lax (Library)
Traci Möller (Media Relations)
Andrew Morgan (Legal Counsel Deputy)
Michele O'Brian (Legal Advisor)
Renee Rousseau (Networking Deputy)
Cedric Sumo (Press Media Relations)

Announcements

Jazz met with Michele O'Brian in London at an event with Jaime Harrison as speaker, Adrienne Johnson also attended the event. The speaker focused on positivity regarding Biden's achievements, the Black community agenda was also mentioned.

Reports:

- Star sent the February 2023 minutes for posting on our WIKI page
- Star and Laura gave updates on the DA Canada Black Caucus
- Plans are in progress to host a Juneteenth even on Voter Protection in follow up to our Voter Suppression Stories event held last year. Evelyn has experience and knowledge in the area and volunteered to be our speaker. The Canada Caucus will follow up.
- The DA Toronto Chapter will hold the AGM and Caucus Fair Tuesday March 14th on line and in person. Star will attend on line, Laura may attend in person and both will present a 5 minute presentation.
- Laura has updated our GBC WIKI page and discussed possible travel plans for research to interview and profile Black ex patriots, funding will be explored.
- Jazz suggested that we need to be more proactive towards personal stories.
- DNC Caucus calls may start and the GBC may also participate. Jazz is in progress developing a spreadsheet for the DNC Winter Session Talking Points. It is very important to be assertive and proactive in pushing to engage the Black vote. A slide was shown with feedback from Black voters. Volunteer participation is very important in getting messages out, educating and mobilizing Black voters. Events may include Black artists, poets, etc.
- Malaika showed a slide re Obama's 'Fired Up' speech and gave many points to engage the conversation on voting during the Germany Chapter report.
- Natalie reported that the Reparations project remains in progress with some states participation and work with Antar is ongoing to increase U.S. participation. A great deal of education is still

needed in the U.S. for candidate's platforms. Racism and oppression is still very visible in many states.

Discussion:

- the Democratic Party needs to be more aware of the GBC leadership and contributions
- the GBC Web page and social media could communicate information on state leaders' contact information, candidate issues, etc. to inspire political awareness and a sense of community among Black voters.
- GBC could have space to present at all possible Country AGMs or Exec meetings to present 10-15 minute understanding of GBC work and possibly encourage volunteers.
- the meeting discussed racism issues currently and historically in the U.S., ways to address these issues, the impact on health care, economics, standard of living etc.

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 10:00 AM/HRS EST

