

**PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL-UNION KEMPSVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
1 FEBRUARY 2014  
1:00 - 3:30 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: New Jerusalem COGIC Church.**

**Dr. Ray V. Spain, President (PACTS-UKHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.) called the meeting to order at approximately 1:20 PM. Handouts regarding the Black History Month Exhibit, *The Black Image and Jim Crow* at the PACTS-UKHS Museum on Saturday, February 15, 2014, Membership Brochures, and the Community Meeting Agenda were passed out to attendees.**

**The President welcomed those attending and asked Rev. Gene Jarvis to lead us in prayer for a successful and productive meeting. After prayer, The President spoke on our “Purpose”. “What we are doing; Why, and what brought us to this point? The importance of our school, its history and its legacy to us”. He recognized Mr. Roy Reid (Band Director) who celebrated his 88 birthday a few weeks ago. The President spoke on the programs and events presented by The PACTS-UKHS Museum Educator, staff and volunteers and the importance of our support, i.e. the exhibit mentioned above. He also commented on The Alumni Association’s response to the City of Virginia Beach Department of Museums recently. “We established our position regarding The Museum”. (The PACTS-UKHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. is not able, at this time, to engage The Alumni Association in operating the Museum). He spoke also on the Department of Museums current lease funding proposal through next fiscal year (July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015); the City’s commitment to the citizens and any future meetings regarding The Museum should involve all the citizens of the African-American Communities. He spoke also of being proactive regarding these issues: Maintaining a full-time Museum Educator, day to day operations and educational events.**

**Edna Hawkins Hendrix, Historian, spoke on The Museum as a representation of our history. She also briefed the attendees of Dr. Ross-Hammond (City Council Member-Kempsville District) contact with her and Dr. Ross-Hammond’s offer to be a mediator between the Alumni and the City. This issue brought about much discussion:**

**Jerry Williams (Class of 1960) spoke of letters he wrote to the Mayor regarding The Museum and response from the Mayor; spoke on Press/Media attention on issues relevant to the Black Community. George Minns (Va. Beach NAACP Field Officer) also spoke of the separate city boards, “but, the power lies with the City Manager”. Andrew Jackson (Former Political Candidate/Community Advocate) spoke on “being a group in force” to deal with the “divide and conquer tactics of the city; be supportive of The Alumni’s decisions; Media/Press attention would strengthen the coalition”. Jackie Bowe (Class of 1968) spoke of groups’ previous appearances at City Council Meetings; “cannot allow their excuses; need a permanent agreement regarding The Museum; contact the Press/Media for Investigative Reporting to cover our issues.”**

**Dr. Spain suggested the idea of forming a coalition regarding The Museum status, and other issues relevant to the African-American Communities of Virginia Beach. A coalition of organizations to speak for all of us as a group and a better way of dealing with issues involving the communities. He proposed the “Coalition of Organizations would have at least two Representatives; have a common agreement and consensus on our approach”. Ernest Gregory (Class of 1968) mentioned “Friends of The Museum” of other Historic Sites have been organized for many years - PACTS-UKHS Museum supported only a few years; is out of line with other historic sites.” Carl Wright (President, Va. Beach Chapter-NAACP) spoke of not being too familiar with The Museum or the Alumni Association; “not recognizing many of those present as NAACP members or having attended NAACP meetings”. Dr. Spain emphasized the need “to bring all our groups together; the need for significant numbers; Join and support the NAACP; have a Resolution or Statement of Commission. “ Jerry Williams: “will support the group through all endeavors!” Andrew Jackson: “Have a few specific representatives that only deal with the press and media”.**

**Other suggestions were:**

- 1. Press Conference to involve the Mayor by invitation. (Jackie Bowe)**
- 2. Be clear about exactly what we want. (Ray Spain)**
- 3. Our History to be remembered. (Fannie Williams Dixson)**
- 4. Be clear on our objectives with the city and the agreement re: The Museum. (Lee Smith)**

5. Collaborate in an acceptable manner, politically, economically.  
(Caroel Selby)

**Dr. Spain then questioned the group: "What do we do? When do we go forward? He recommended Committee and Strategy formation and asked for Committee Volunteers.**

**The following volunteered:**

1. Jackie Bowe - Media
2. Lee Smith - Purpose
3. Edna Hawkins Hendrix -
4. Jerry Williams -
5. Ray Spain - Chair (Contact, Coordinate via Conference Call, Meeting Date, etc.)
6. Fannie Williams Dixson -
7. Ernest Gregory -
8. Caroel L. Selby -
9. Andrew Jackson -

**Announcements/Remarks:**

1. Seatack Civic League Members may desire to be on Committees. (George Minns)
2. Join the NAACP; attend meetings. (Carl Wright)
3. Our responsibility: Preserve Legacy, Give Hope (Andrew Jackson)
4. Become members of The PACTS-UKHS National Alumni & Friends Association and Preserve the legacy and the history of the African-American citizens of Va. Beach. (Mary Henry Smith)
5. Become involved in funding Scholarships through the Scholarship Committee; fund memorial scholarship through family members; projecting funds to be raised yearly.(Ray Spain)
6. Future Teacher Recognition Project. (Ray Spain)

**A monetary collection from those attending was donated to New Jerusalem COGIC Church**

**In appreciation for the use of their facility for our meeting; Amount donated: \$150.00.**

**There being no further business, President Dr. Ray V. Spain asked Rev. Gene Jarvis to lead us in prayer on the completion of our Community Meeting.**

**Dr. Spain adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 PM.**

**Minutes of the Community Meeting of  
The Princess Anne County Training School-Union Kempsville High  
School Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.,**

**February 1, 2014**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Tina Schofield-Warren, Secretary**