


Afro-American Culture & History

Annual Local Conference

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda T. Wynn
Anne Reynolds
Reavis Mitchell
Lois C. McDougald

FROM: 
Dr. Bobby L. Lovett
Acting Associate Dean
School of Arts and Sciences-TSU

RE: PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 1984

The Planning Committee for the Fourth Annual Local Conference on Afro-American Culture and History met from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the TSU downtown campus (D-7), on September 4, 1984. Members present: Wynn, Mitchell, & Lovett, other members were unable to make the meeting but sent communications.

Several assignments and decisions were made.

Publications for 1985 may be as follows:

First Colored Baptist Church-Wynn & Lovett
Capers CME Church - V. Gregory
Walden University - Lovett
Meharry Medical College - Mitchell
Citizens Bank - Wynn
American Baptist Theological Seminary - R. Powell
Miss Franki Pierce - V. Edmonds
Robert F. Boyd - Wynn

Papers to be solicited:

Ms. Brenda Ivey, "History of Black Gospel Music in Nashville."

Mr. Dwight Lewis, "Early History of TSU Sports."

Dr. Helen Houston, "Sutton E. Griggs: Local Negro Novelist."



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Dr. Alphonso Thompson, "Black Leadership in Recent Nashville History."

Ms. J. D. Chavis, "History of Band and Instrumental Music Programs in Nashville's Black Public Schools."

Mr. Van Cain, "History of Black Episcopalians in Nashville."

The Conference will not solicit papers from other cities until 1986.

Financial support is again solicited from local businesses and institutions. Each member of the committee is asked to raise \$150 toward the expected \$1,200 in expenses.

The Metro Historical Commission will be asked to handle publicity, mailings, and printing.

The committee briefly discussed having a Pre-Conference Dinner with a major speaker on Tuesday, February 12, 1985.

The next committee meeting will be held on October 2, 1984, Tuesday, 12-1 p.m., TSU Downtown (D-7).

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pc: Dr. Phyllis Leffler
Ms. V. Gregory

LOCAL CONFERENCE ON AFRO-AMERICAN
CULTURE & HISTORY

Planning Committee Meeting
Oct. 23, 1984

PRESENT: Reynolds, Lovett, Wynn, Mitchell, & Wood

Dr. Mitchell reported that he has contacted Citizens Bank and the Frierson Foundation about donations. Both organizations will be given a formal request for funds. Mr. Gregory Ridley will do an exhibit on his work. he has talked to Carleton Smith at Coors; however, it is not certain that they will have the black history exhibit for February in Nashville. Angela Radcliffe will assist us again on her TV program.

Mrs. Wynn contacted Avon Williams about his profile; he agreed. Frankie Pierce by Mrs. Virginia Edmonson. Brochures: Walden University, Meharry Medical College, Frankie Pierce, Avon Williams, McKissack & McKissack Architects, Citizens Bank, R. Fulton Boyd, First Colored Baptist Church. These are due to the MHC by December 1, 1984.

Mrs. Reynolds: Elisa will edit the brochures. MHC will do mailings of the programs. They will also do the publicity and scheduling of talk shows, etc. Fees \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. We need the list of sponsors for the programs. Jocelyn Boyd should be contacted for Citizens' donation.

Ms. Woods will coordinate another professional artist show on Black art. Gregory Ridley is to assist in the procurement of the pieces.

Lovett; Papers -

1. Dr. Paul Phillips, "Brother Marshall Keeble: Church of

- Christ Evangelist."
2. Mr. Van Cain, "The History of Black Episcopalians in Nashville."
 3. Prof. Gregory Ridley, "Exhibition and Presentation on Black Art Pieces."
 4. Dr. Alphonse Thompson, "Black Leadership in Recent Nashville History."
 5. Mr. J. D. Chavis, "The History, the Band and Instrumental Programs in Nashville's Public Schools."
 6. Dwight Lewis, "The Early History of TSU Sports."

We will try to get one more paper: Helen Houston, "Sutton Griggs," or Inman Otey, "The Otey Family."

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 1984: TSU Downtown, D-7, 12-1:00 p.m.

Nov. 27 Agenda:

1. Finalize Program
2. Complete Brochures
3. Confirm Plans for Art Show
4. Confirm Lunch & Menu Plans
5. Plan Publicity
6. Other Matters
7. Adjournment, 1:00 p.m.

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MEETING

NOVEMBER 27, 1984

Reavis Mitchell - talked to Mrs. Evette Johnson about Citizens Bank donation. He will make a presentation to the Frierson Foundation. Sam Cameron is interested in doing a slide presentation on Meharry Medical College for 1986 Conference.

Viola Woods - has contacted artists by phone. Prof. Ridley will do slides.

Lois C. McDougald - has contacted the AME Sunday School Union. She will contact the Episcopal Church about a contribution.

Linda E. Wynn - The Spruce Street Baptist Church will probably give another donation. The articles are about ready.

Mitchell & McDougald - We may recognize the sponsors, organizations and donors by asking a representative from each to stand.

Anne Reynolds - the articles should be sent to the MHC as soon as possible. It was also suggested that someone other than Mayor Fulton or Dr. Humphried should give opening remarks.

Mitchell - suggested Bill Boner's office.

McDougald - however, noted that we should invite a city or MHC person.

Lovett - Wendolyn Bell, Acting Dean, School of Arts & Sciences.

Mrs. Hal Swann, Jr., Chairman of the MHC.

McDougald - Moderator - 9:25 - 12:00 -

Mitchell - Moderator - 1:00 - 3:15

Jerry & Alice - Registration Tables

Lovett - Taping - University Library

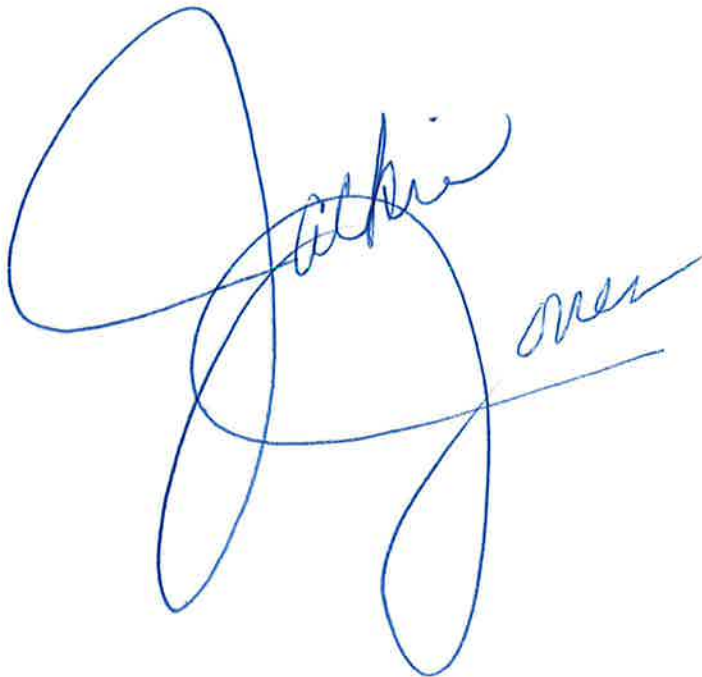
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January 23, 1985

Ann,

We will air the Day Sponsorship for the Fourth Annual Conference On Local Afro-American History and Culture on Tuesday, February 12. The tag-line will read: "WPLN salutes The Metropolitan Historical Commission's Fourth Annual Conference on Local Afro-American History and Culture tomorrow on the T.S.U. downtown campus". The tag-line will be aired nine times during the broadcast day. Those times are: 5:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:53 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and midnight.

I hope this will help.



January 31, 1985

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Elissa Tuleen 259-5027

AFRO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Church history and church leaders will be featured topics at the fourth annual conference on Afro-American Culture and History, February 13.

Dr. Paul David Phillips will speak on "Brother Marshall Keeble: Church of Christ Evengelist." Black Episcopalians in Nashville and Middle Tennessee will be the subject of a presentation by Van Cain. A written history of the First Colored Baptist Church will be among the series of publications to be distributed to all conference participants.

The one-day conference begins at 8:30 a.m. on the Downtown Campus of Tennessee State University. The conference is sponsored by the TSU Department of History and Geography, the TSU School of Arts and Sciences, and the Metropolitan Historical Commission.

The \$4.00 registration fee, \$3.00 for students, includes lunch. For additional information, call the Metro Historical Commission at 259-5027.

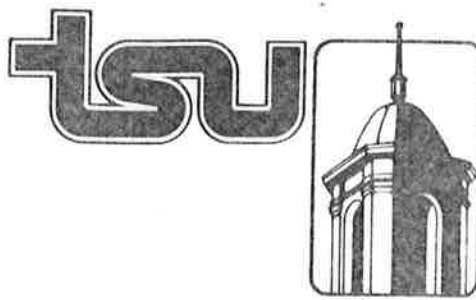
For use January 30 through February 13, 1985

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT: Elissa Tuleen 259-5027

In observance of Black History Month, Nashville's fourth annual conference spotlighting local Afro-American Culture and History will be held on Wednesday, February 13, at the Downtown Campus of Tennessee State University. The all-day meeting brings together local historians, students, educators, and other persons interested in discovering more about Nashville's roots.

For information, call the Metropolitan Historical Commission, 259-5027.



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Department of History and Geography

February 15, 1985

Mrs. Hal R. Swann, Jr.
Chairperson
Metropolitan Historical Commission
701 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Dear Mrs. Swann:

The planning committee for the 4th Annual Local Conference on Afro-American Culture and History wishes to express deep appreciation for the MHC's continued support. Director Anne Reynolds and her staff work diligently each year to publicize the conference, take care of mailings, schedule media exposure, and print the publications and programs. This technical assistance from the MHC staff is invaluable to the Conference and interested citizens of Nashville - Davidson County.

We look forward to working with the Commission in coming months.
Thanks a million.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby L. Lovett".

Dr. Bobby L. Lovett
Professor of History &
Planning Committee Chairman

BLL/s

pc: Ms. Anne Reynolds
Ms. Lois C. McDougald
Dr. Phyllis Leffler

February 13, 1985
Tennessee State University
Downtown Campus

Afro-American Culture & History

Schedule

4th Annual Local Conference

- 8:30- 8:55 a.m. Registration, Coffee and Doughnuts - Atrium
- 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Opening Remarks
- 9:25- 9:55 a.m. "Brother Marshall Keeble: Church of Christ Evangelist,"
Dr. Paul David Phillips
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. "The History of Black Episcopalians in Nashville and
Middle Tennessee," Mr. Van A. Cain
- 10:35-10:45 a.m. Break, Refreshments - Atrium
- 10:50-11:20 a.m. "The Early History of Sports at Tennessee Agricultural
and Mechanical Normal State University," Dr. Dwight Lewis
- 11:25-11:55 a.m. "Some Aspects and Characteristics of Black Leadership in
Nashville History," Dr. Alphonse Thompson
- 12:00- 1:00 p.m. Lunch in the Atrium - free with registration
- 1:05- 1:35 p.m. "The History of Band and Instrumental Music Programs in
Nashville's Negro Public Schools," Dr. Jordan D. Chavis
- 1:40- 2:10 p.m. "Presentation and Exhibition on Afro-American Art,"
Professor Gregory Ridley
- 2:15- 3:15 p.m. "The Afro-American History of Nashville, 1779-1940:
Slide and Lecture Presentation," Dr. Bobby L. Lovett
- all day event Exhibition of art by local black artists,
Professor Viola Wood - Exhibit in the Atrium

FREE PUBLICATIONS: Histories of Walden University, Meharry Medical College,
Frankie Pierce, Avon Williams, McKissack and McKissack,
Citizens Bank, Robert Fulton Boyd, and First Colored
Baptist Church.

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$4.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students - includes lunch
and all publications

TO REGISTER: Please fill out this section and return it by FEBRUARY 8
MAIL TO ***** Metro Historical Commission, 701 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203
Please include a check for \$4.00 per person, \$3.00 per student, for registration
and lunch.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION: HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please take a minute to answer the questions below. It will help us in building a
mailing list for future conferences. Thank you.

Are you representing a school, a business, a church, or another organization?

Are you a student? _____ If so, where? _____

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Tennessee State University and the Metropolitan Historical Commission are the sponsors of the fourth in an ongoing series of annual conferences which coincide with Black History Month. The conference will bring together historians, educators, students, and other interested individuals for a program on local Afro-American history and culture. The conference will be held at the Tennessee State University downtown campus on February 13, 1985.

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