

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, August 11, 2020

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Attending: Robert Freeman, Byron Hope, Kevin Fowlkes, Eric Belton, Cheryl, Donald Thigpen, Earl Gatewood, Baye Webb, Geri Mack, Mike Williams, Pamela Taylor, Ron Powell, Vernon Webb, John Bull, Phinias Young, Russell Jackson, Raleigh Demby, Heywood Isler, Willie Epps, Alan Lester, Eric Mines, Hassan El-Amin. Joined later by Orlando Barnes and Freddie Allen. (24 members in all)

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. Everybody had to be MUTED because members' background noises kept coming in.

Minutes from last membership meeting which was "live" at F.O.P. Lodge 89 on 7/14/20 with 15 members were read by Cheryl Crawley. Summarizing those Minutes: Social distancing and masks were observed. Poindexter's eligibility for Heaven 1 recognition was discussed; another "welfare ride" suggested. All events have been cancelled: Bike cleanup, Mason-Dixon Conference, etc. Club needs to plan DONATION DRIVE to raise funds. That will be FISH FRY, on August 22, 2020. Electronic Sign-Up sheet has been activated and members are volunteering.

International Convention is now a 3-day event scheduled for Milwaukee, August 31 - September 1. Quartermaster says we have plenty of badges.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$258 for Industrial checking; \$1,225.57 in Industrial savings; 10,000+ in Capital One CD. This past Friday, ___ riders escorted Bro. Poindexter's family to funeral home.

Vernon Webb's report on FISH FRY: Some donations have been received (\$300). Other donations came pouring in: another \$250 + another \$200 donation were just pledged. Mike Williams said he'll contribute another \$200 via check. J.D. Perkins donated \$50 via Moses Kelly (?); Heywood Isler \$50; W.W. \$130, to make it an even \$1,000. Then Greg and Robbin pledged \$100; Winkey pledged \$100 (so we can get chips). Cheryl detailed list of supplies and preparations. Input from lots of folks re amount of fish, sodas, water. No port in half-smokes and other non-fish meats. Details of logistics and equipment. "Yates" volunteered cooking utensils. Food preparers to be onsite NLT 0900 so cooking can be started, get oil hot. Burners, fryers, seasoning fish will be done the night before.

Sign-up link for volunteers called "Signup Genius" will be added to our Website. Allen & Paula Lester called in from the road and assured that Allen will put that app back up. So far we have 8 volunteers. Mike Williams offered use of his pickup truck and Cheryl said please and thank you because tables need to be transported. Large bags of ice needed—the 40-lb. size.

President Hope commission one more follow-up virtual meeting, next Tuesday 8/18/20 at 7:30 p.m.

Good of the Chapter: Per Mike Williams' request, LANKFORD
POINDEXTER's name to be added to "Heaven I" Plaque, but not Paul Peters'.
Responsible members will be following up offline to make appropriate
arrangements.

MEETING ADJOURNED by President at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan El-Amin, Secretary