



Education Committee Report for January 2025

Meeting Date: January 30, 2025

Chair: Anthony Jackson

Committee Members Present:

Angelia Anderson, Sharonda Forte, Al Peer, Kim Smith

As the education committee, we met to review essay submissions from Monticello Middle School and Drew Central Middle School that were submitted as part of our DC NAACP MLK Celebration activities in the schools. A total of 3 essays were submitted from 6th grade at Monticello Middle School and a total of 26 were submitted from the 7th grade at Drew Central Middle School. After careful review and dialogue, the winners were declared. Thanks to Bettina Gragg Randolph who also helped to review the essays.

Kim Smith - our newest education committee member and assistant principal at Monticello Intermediate School coordinated the judging of the art contest at MIS for grades 3-5. Chairman Jackson, Committee Member Smith, and MIS Counselor - Regina Lanehart served as judges for the art contest at MIS. A first, second, and third place in each grade was declared. Thanks to MIS art teacher - Kendall Mondragon, for coordinating the art contest and for correlating the activity with her lesson on Dr. Martin Luther King. Chairman Jackson coordinated the judging of the art contest at Monticello Elementary School for grades K-2 using Monticello Administration from the high school (Jacob Lanehard and LaDeena Wilson), the assistant principal at the middle school (Matt Euler), and the assistant principal at the intermediate school (Kim Smith) as judges. Thanks to MES art teacher - Jennifer Escamilla, for coordinating the art contest as at MES. First, second, and third place winners were declared in each grade.

There was no coordination of an art contest at Drew Central Lower Elementary. Attempts were made to communicate with the proper school personnel but no avail was anything orchestrated within a timely manner. With the guidance of President Pace, our committee was instructed to move forward and we did! We give thanks to our DC NAACP 6042 Treasurer - Sharonda Forte, who purchased and labeled all gift cards accordingly by amount: 1st Place -\$15, 2nd Place -\$10, and 3rd Place -\$5. In addition to the gift card, each winner received a certificate for the art/essay contest. All winners have received their gift card prize and certificate. Pictures and names of our winners have been published to the DC NAACP 6042 Facebook page with parental consent for your viewing pleasure.

Anthony Jackson

Education Committee Chairman

