



ACT-SO Meeting

Date: January 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Velinda Woodard, Gabe Pace, LaTonya Martin

Recap: The Winter Block Party Held December 30th 5-8 P.M. was successful. We enrolled six students in the program, we collected \$82.00 in donations. We roughly have a total of \$732.00 in donations from previous efforts. Gabe discussed the school events held before MLK Day about five more students interested in ACT-SO enrichment program.

Topics of discussion:

We will hold our first field trip on February 15, 2025. We will travel to UAM and visit the Planetarium for a two-hour tour. The students were contacted and are excited to be a part of the ACT-SO program. We will meet at The Great I Am Temple at 9:15 and return around 12:15 to meet and greet pizza party with our mentors to begin our work for the season 2024-25 road to South Carolina National Convention.

We discussed plans to roll out our first fundraising efforts on February 15th. Bettina Randolph will oversee getting the information to the group before we meet. **Our goal is \$3000.00.** The next will be in **March, popcorn sales, goal is \$1500.00** and then a **bake sale May 3rd, 2025, or May 10th, 2025 (pre-sales) whichever is best, Goal is \$1500.** **We have our gold medalist and ACT-SO team sendoff musical June 7th at 5:00 P.M. location to be announced for final push for support and donations Goal is \$2000.** **We will ask the membership for a 30-dollar donation to be given by June 16th, 2025, goal of 3900.00 which will be 100% support from the members. We plan to visit the Arkansas Historical Museum as part of our March meeting.**

We continued to discuss plans for our ACT-SO competition to be held on April 25-26, 2025. The event will be a two-day event, location to be announced soon. The awards banquet will be held on April 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Banquet tickets will be \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. **Our goal for this event is \$5000.00 plus.** We need to work on sponsors and side donations to reach our \$20,000.00 goal for nationals. That support goal is 5100.00 which will allow us to reach Nationals with our medalist winners. **We will participate in the black history parade on February 22, 2025.**

Those of you who were not able to attend the meeting need your ideas and input to achieve our goals. These plans are not written in stone yet but by February 15th we will move according to Nationals. Check your calendars, we will need as many of the team as possible for every scheduled event.

We need a secretary, treasurer and fundraising person quickly.

This concludes the ACT-SO Report.

Velinda Woodard, Chairperson