Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission Minutes

Logistics Committee Meeting for January 27, 2025

Attendance: Lindsey Baker, Chris Haley, Amy Millin, Hannah Lane (MSA), Emily Squire (MSA) Leah Danville (3PV), Jenice View (3PV), Caitlin Tromiczak (L&G)

Welcome

Hearing Updates

- Discussion occurred on recently completed hearings:
 - Howard County (January 11)
 - Due to weather and Howard County government announcing late weather protocols, the hearing was moved from an in-person event to a virtual hearing less than two hours prior to start. Despite the change, the hearing went well, content that was shared was full and robust, and no one testifying lost speaking time due to the transition.
 - Observations made regarding the positive growth and use of the Public Comment section over the past several hearings. Each Public Comment period develops in a unique way.
 - Prince George's County (January 25)
 - The Public Comment period was especially strong with testimony from youth / young adults
 - It has been beneficial to repeat the Commission's email address throughout the Hearing for the purposes of public comments, along with posting the email and website on the slides, in the printed programs, and other materials.
 - 280 registered attendees
- Future Hearings:
 - February 1: Carroll County (contractors ready, there is press interest)
 - April 4 and 5: Institutional+Reconciliation Hearing (Lewis Museum)
 - Registration went live today to be forwarded to MSA for public posting
 - Is the MD Commission of African American History and Culture an option to provide volunteer support?

Role of Logistics Committee post Hearings

- Discussed the opportunity of gathering additional testimony. Ideas include hosting a Zoom session (concern about video), reaching out to prior registered attendees, folks who testified, descendants, etc.
- Review report drafts

Other Business

 Question posed if services provided by Living & Growing have been utilized? Yes. It varies across hearings. Generally, not utilized as much as they could be. some requested 1-1, mos contact was general. L&G checks in with attendees, speakers, Event Stream Team, staff, etc.

Next Meeting: March 17 at 3:00