

THE AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CLUB
General Meeting
December 2, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Ellie Graham, President.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - Margaret Graham

WELCOME - Ellie Graham, President welcomed everyone and acknowledged visitors, birthdays, anniversaries and special events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made to approve the November minutes by Maurice Jackson and seconded by Kathy Griffin.

REPORTS -

- **Treasurer** - Sheila Samuel - Error on last financial report has been amended.
 - Opening balance as of 10/28 - \$18,748.43;
 - Revenue - \$5,485
 - Expenses - \$457.71
 - Income - \$23,775.71
 - Anticipated expense for upcoming gala - \$17,000
 - Revenue for November - \$1,915
 - Expenses - \$752.87
 - Net Income \$24,947.85
- **Correspondence Secretary** - Margaret Graham requested prayers for members who were recovering from illness and thanked everyone for their support during her difficult days.
- **Membership** - Sheila Haire. The membership is currently 416, 13 renewals and 12 new members today. Renewals will continue through March 2026. She encouraged members who are not getting emails or do not have a badge to see her after the meeting.
- **Outreach** - Denise Johnson recapped recent activities at Eastside Elementary school, Palmetto and the recently added Mission Shelter. She thanked the line dancers for their generous donation of \$2070 as well as canned and non-perishable food items. AHCC members and an anonymous group of brothers have also donated canned goods. Volunteers are needed for December 17 to assist with gift wrapping. She and her committee highlighted the work being done at the Mission and explained that they will be seeking donations of needed items from the membership.
- **Program** - Yvonne Loney announced that the December Gala is sold out and thanked her team for a job well done. Next event is Kwanzaa and there is a sign up sheet for cooks. Tickets for both Kwanzaa and the MLK breakfast will be available soon.
- **Parliamentarian** - Joan Hogarth noted that the bylaws committee is still working on a remote voting system. Questions can be directed to her.
- **Communication** - no report

- **Club Announcements**

Page Turners - Rosann Carter thanked members for reaching out during her recent bereavement. Page Turners Book Club, for women who like to read, meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, except November, in the Riviera at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2026 and the book is **Truly** by Lionel Richie.

Club Shirts - Kwanzaa Frazier announced that she's taking orders for club shirts.

Other - Jeff Lee gave an overview of his book **Welcome to Rock Bottom University**. A book signing will be held on December 22 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Palms.

- **Historian** - Bobby Vance showed clips of the Mose, Woodson and Wells Built Museums of African American Culture and History, all located here in Florida. He stressed that we should not be alarmed despite recent assaults on our history and culture. As evidenced by these museums, our history has deep roots and cannot be erased. He reiterated our commitment to the Smithsonian Museum and announced that the membership application will be available on our website soon so that members can download, complete and mail to purchase a membership.

Dr. Porter stressed the importance of therapy, stating it works alongside prayer, and strongly urged members to seek help when needed,

MEETING ADJOURNED - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Porter and seconded by Lisa Walker. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Marion Hogarth

Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 6, 2026 - 10:30 AM STARLITE BALLROOM

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