

THE AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CLUB
General Meeting
June 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Prentiss Gates, Vice-President.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - Rev. Dr. Jesse Mayes

WELCOME - Ellie Graham, President welcomed everyone. She acknowledged June and July birthdays and special events.

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS - Ellie announced that in order to raise additional funds we have two upcoming fundraisers in August and September. The 20th anniversary celebration is postponed until December.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made to approve the May minutes by Marcia Nembhard and seconded by Jan Jennings.

REPORTS -

- **Treasurer** - Sheila Samuel gave the financial report. Opening balance - \$8,441.45, Total revenue - \$288.00, Total Expenses - \$1,597.5. Balance is \$7,132.04.
- Ellie thanked Acquanetta Likkel for completing the audit and noted that glitches will be addressed.

- **Parliamentarian** - Joan Hogarth noted that there is a quorum present representing 25% of paid numbers. Therefore, the voice vote on the by-law amendments will proceed. She did a quick review, pointing out that the changes affecting the roles of Financial Secretary and Membership Coordinator were posted on the website. There were no questions or comments and a unanimous vote passed the amendment. A special election will be held for a Financial Secretary in September. She and her committee will be looking at the voting procedure and they welcome suggestions.

- **Correspondence Secretary** - Margaret Graham requested prayers for the the sick and shut-in and bereaved members. (List is posted on the website). She requested that members notify the club of anyone needing prayers and asked that members sign up to do Words of Inspiration.

- **Membership** - Sheila Haire. Membership now stands at 258 paid members. She encouraged members to invite friends/neighbors to the September meeting.

- **Program** - Yvonne Loney gave updates. White Dance netted \$2,270. She announced the September 19 fundraiser 'Boots on the Ground' dance. (Cowboy attire). Tickets are \$20 and 75% were sold earlier. A Victory cruise is planned for August 11.

- **Juneteenth** - Prentiss Gates outlined plans for the celebration (6/19). There will be outdoor activities all day (noon- 10:00 pm) including games, food trucks, vendors, a movie and card games indoors from 4:00 pm. Members were encouraged to support the event and invite everyone to make it successful in the hope that we can make it a community event going forward.
- **Outreach** - Denise Johnson acknowledged the Men of AHCC and Sistahs who Bake for the coffee set up. Sharon will continue to coordinate the Sistahs who Bake. The Palmetto School Renaissance Fair was a huge success with 20 volunteers. Everyone had a fun-filled day. She thanked the volunteers and treated members to pictures of the day's activities. Going forward there are plans to meet with Dorothy Schwartz along with Bobby and Carrie Vance to discuss support for Dorothy's projects in Africa. Plans also include a sewing project, continued support for schools and a dental program.
- **Historian** - Bobby Vance gave a presentation on *Life as a Cowboy*. He discussed how Blacks have impacted the cowboy community despite the imagery of past movies and shows depicting mostly Whites. He showed short clips of movies which can be seen on Netflix *The Harder They Fall* and *Concrete Cowboy* featuring black artists. There is currently a modern cowboy movement that challenges what we have previously seen and heard about cowboys.
- **Communication** - Greg Crosby encouraged members to continue using the website for information and to update information. Scan the QR code displayed on the screen for access.
- **Club Announcements**

T-shirts - Kwanzaa Frazier thanked members for ordering and noted that she made good on her promise of a surprise by packaging the shirts in gift bags and not the usual plastic bag.

Page Turners - Rosann Carter

The book for June is *Nightcrawling* by Leila Mottley. The book club is open to all AHCC women and meets the 4th Thursday of the month, except November, in the Riviera at 2:00 pm.

SAHCC - Lois Duncan congratulated the committee who worked to make the luncheon last week a big success. She thanked contributors and reminded members that next year will be the fund's 20th anniversary scheduled for May 21, 2026.

Caribbean Heritage Month - Caramvita is sponsoring a steelpan concert on June 22 in the ballroom. Sheila Haire has tickets for \$25.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Marion Hogarth

Recording Secretary

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 - 10:30 AM STARLITE BALLROOM