

THE AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CLUB
General Meeting
November 4, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 am by Prentiss Gates, Vice-President.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - Ellie Graham

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

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS -

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made to approve the September minutes by Lois Duncan and seconded by Rosann Carter.

REPORTS -

- **Treasurer** - Sheila Samuel gave the financial report.
 - Opening balance - \$18,748.43;
 - Revenue - \$7,865
 - Expenses - \$451.06Financial statement was questioned and Sheila acknowledged that a correction is necessary and will be addressed.
- **Financial Secretary** - Kathy Griffin announced that the net revenue from **Boots on the Ground** is \$4,485 which will be used to defray the cost of the December Gala.
- **Correspondence Secretary** - Margaret Graham requested that deaths/illnesses be reported to her.
- **Membership** - Sheila Haire. 10/24 orientation was cancelled due to low response and has been rescheduled to April 24, 2026. Invitations will be sent February or March 2026. Current membership is 392. Members who are not receiving emails should see her after the meeting.
- **Outreach** - Denise Johnson thanked the Men of AHCC and the Sistahs Who Bake for the refreshment. She announced the incentives for the holiday season. Donation drive starting today requesting items for Eastside Elementary school to fill their store so students can shop for holiday gifts on December 17. Donations can include cash, jewelry, baseball hats, gift paper, etc. Drop off location will be on the flyer. Soulavita line dancers have pledged \$1500 donation and will also have a canned food drive. Men of AHCC have contributed large quantities of food. She thanked members who have volunteered for Career Day scheduled for November 14.
- **Program** - Yvonne Loney announced that the December Gala is sold out. Next event is Kwanzaa and there is a sign up sheet for entertainers and cooks.

- **Parliamentarian** - Joan Hogarth noted that the bylaws committee is still working on a remote voting system. N
- **Communication** - no report
- **Historian** - Bobby Vance showed a preview of the movie **Sarah's Oil** based on the true story of Sarah Rechter. He pointed out that it was not a documentary and that it is appropriate because November is National Native American Heritage month. He reviewed the the history of slavery in the South versus in the Native American community. The presentation was very well received and discussion ensued about how to disseminate this kind of information to our young people. The Smithsonian Institute appeal is currently on hold because of the government shutdown.

- **Club Announcements**

- **Page Turners** - Rosann Carter

- There is a sign-in sheet for women who want to join the Page Turners Book Club which meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, except November, in the Riviera at 2:00 pm. The April meeting which commemorates the anniversary, is a lunch meeting at 1:00 pm at a restaurant. The next meeting is November 20 and the book is **Sag Harbor** by Colson Whitehead.

Caramvita's holiday gala will be held on December 19.

Lois Duncan announced that the SAHCC scholarship will be celebrating 20 years on May 21, 2026. Contributors to the fund will receive an invitation to the celebration event.

Micheline Vosges will leave recipe for gumbo for Mardi Gras since she will be away.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carrie Vance and seconded by Deldra Eaton. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am

Respectfully submitted by

Marion Hogarth

Recording Secretary

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

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