

THE AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CLUB
General Meeting
October 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Prentiss Gates, Vice-President. Moment of silence was observed.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - Rev. Jesse Mayes

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

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS - Ellie announced that John Rucker has passed. Details will be announced later.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made to approve the September minutes by Robin Wilson and seconded by Denise Johnson.

REPORTS -

- **Treasurer** - Sheila Samuel gave the financial report.
 - Opening balance - \$11,766.55
 - Revenue - \$7,865
 - Expenses - \$883.12
 - Balance is \$18,748.43

- **Correspondence Secretary** - No report

- **Membership** - Sheila Haire reported that the roster is up to date with a membership of 371. Membership renewal will begin in January. She will only be accepting payments from new members. New member orientation is scheduled for October 24 but RSVP's have not been received from most. If no one responds, the orientation will be rolled over to next year. Persons whose names appear on the screen should see her after the meeting to update their contact information.

- **Program** - Ellie thanked the Events Committee for a job well done on the September dance. They are currently working on the MLK breakfast scheduled for January. Tickets for the 20TH Anniversary/Holiday Gala can be purchased after the meeting. Bobby Vance is working on coordinating the Kwanzaa event.

- **Outreach** - Denise Johnson thanked the Men of AHCC and the Sistahs Who Bake for the refreshment. She introduced her committee/program leads. Projects/activities have been moved around to focus on the most needy. Most schools need volunteers especially Palmetto and Eastside. The committee is focusing on the displaced population including children, families, battered women and Habitat for Humanity as well as providing gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She is also working with Dorothy Schwartz, Bobby and Carrie Vance to see how they can help support a breakfast program for 850 children in Kenya. Volunteers can sign up for programs at the table. Male volunteers are needed for Career Day.

- **Parliamentarian** - Joan Hogarth noted that the bylaws committee is currently working on a test for remote voting. 20 persons have volunteered for the test and Akila Masharimi will give them an overview.
- **Communication** - no report
- **Historian** - Bobby Vance appealed for support for the Smithsonian African American museum which is being targeted for shut down on October 11. Black churches are doing membership drives and we too can do our part. Membership starts at \$25 and we can purchase them as gifts for our grandchildren and great grandchildren. He showed two short videos that demonstrated the importance of saving the museums. Our ancestors not only survived but thrived and we must save our history.
- **Guest Speaker** - Rosemary Jones from the Senior Ministry at Christian Life Center invited members to sign up for a Riverboat Cruise. Information is available after the meeting.
- **Club Announcements**

Page Turners - Rosann Carter

The book for October is ***The Trial of Mrs. Rhineland*** by Denny S. Bryce. The book club is open to all AHCC women and meets the 4th Thursday of each month, except November, in the Riviera at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is October 23.

Jim Edge told members that information on Nextdoor regarding the liability of assets is false.

Diana Torres reminded the membership that Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. She is a SHIP counselor who offers free unbiased help in choosing a plan. The hotline number is 800-963-5337 and any counselor can help or she can be requested.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maurice Jackson and seconded by Kathy Griffin. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am

Respectfully submitted by

Marion Hogarth

Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2025 - 10:30 AM STARLITE BALLROOM

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