



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2021

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Tammy Ozier, President	1:00 – 1:02PM
Introduction of Program	Jan Bryant, VP of Programs	1:02 – 1:03 PM
Presentation	Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy	1:03 – 2:30 PM
Business Meeting	Tammy Ozier, President	2:30 – 2:55 PM
Meeting Adjourned	Tammy Ozier, President	2:55 PM
Number in Attendance	28	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Tammy Ozier opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors.
- Tammy introduced the program agenda for today's meeting.

MEETING PRESENTATION

Jan Bryant introduced the speaker, Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy. Dr. Murphy is a 30+-year genealogist. She is a Descendant Project Researcher for the University of Virginia, Co-founder and Faculty member for the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI), DAR and APG Member, and BlackProGen LIVE panelist.

Speaker: Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy presented two topics: (1) Military Research and (2) Applying for Membership in the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

In this lecture, Dr. Murphy provided resources to research African American ancestors in the military. The second topic included instructions for applying for the Daughters of the American Revolution and other societies.

Dr. Murphy's presentation was recorded and can be found on the Member's page of the AAHGS Atlanta website.



Business Meeting

Tammy Ozier presented the following:

- Recognized all members who are Veterans. Members were asked to identify themselves. Members who had family members who were veterans were also recognized.
- Announced that the AAHGS Atlanta Chapter currently has 96 members, including one business membership.
- Encourage members to join the chapter's Special Interest Groups.
- Appealed to the membership for project ideas, pointing out the research projects recommended by Dr. Murphy in her presentation.
- Stated that the October meeting minutes are posted on the Chapter's website and available for review. Asked if there were any revisions and/or corrections. With none stated, the minutes were approved by the membership.
- Stated that the Treasurer's report was posted on the Chapter's website and available for review.
- Reminded members that the Monthly Meeting and Treasurer's Reports are posted on the Members Only section on the AAHGS Atlanta website.
- Reminded all attendees to join and/or to renew their membership for 2022. Tammy indicated that the AAHGS National might increase their membership cost.

Jan Bryant presented the following:

- Stated that the chapter was currently in its Officer Election Process. Today was the last day to vote for the candidates. So far 32 members have voted.
- Reviewed the Special Interest Groups (SIGS) upcoming schedule.
 - Caribbean – No meeting in December
 - DNA – No meeting in December
 - Louisiana – Next meeting – January 2022
 - Tennessee – Next meeting December 4
 - Military – Individual consultations available

Tammy Ozier presented the following:

- Our next chapter meeting will involve members sharing their research successes, any brick wall issues. The forum will provide an inclusive and fun agenda. More information will be provided.
- The chapter website is scheduled to launch soon. Members were asked to indicate if they were interested in providing feedback concerning the website.



- Opened the floor to members to provide any announcements or to ask questions.
 - Debra Jones announced that Nikka Smith was scheduled to present on the same day at 4:30 pm, sponsored by the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California.
 - Marcia announced that members were invited to participated in meetings sponsored by the National Society for the Daughters of the Union. She also stated that she and Jonnie Brown were available to assist members with the applications to DAR and other societies. (Email to be provided.)

Tammy adjourned the Members Meeting at 2:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Clevlyn Anderson, Recording Secretary