



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2022

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Tammy Ozier, President	1:00 – 1:02
Meeting Agenda	Tammy Ozier, President	1:02 – 1:03
Business Meeting	Tammy Ozier, President	1:03-1:30
Presentations and Announcements	Chapter Members	1:30-3:00
Meeting Adjourned	Tammy Ozier, President	3:00
Number in Attendance	36	

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.
- Tammy announced that the AAHGS Atlanta Chapter currently has close to 50 members, including one business membership, and encouraged non-members to join and members to renew and pay their dues for 2022.

Business Meeting

Tammy Ozier presented the following:

- Stated that the November 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.
- Reviewed the Special Interest Groups' calendar and encouraged members to join.
- There was discussion around non-members being able to participate in Special Interest Groups. It was decided by the members, that all persons participating in a Special Interest group, but be a paid member.
- Appealed to the membership for project ideas.



MEETING PRESENTATION

The portion of this meeting was to introduce the Chapter's Officers for 2022-2024, and to allow each to talk about their roles and their plans for the chapter for the upcoming term.

- Tammy introduced the Officers elected for the term 2022 to 2024, they are:

Tammy Ozier - President
Nefertiti Hawthorne - VP of Education
Clevlyn Anderson - Corresponding Secretary
Dawnya Lindsey - Treasurer

Open positions include the following:

Recording Secretary
Parliamentarian

Tammy reviewed the Chapter accomplishments for 2021

- Had Membership In 2021 was an astounding 96
 - Pivoted to virtual operation
 - Secured exciting presentations/workshops from nationally known genealogists
 - Installed a new website to eliminate host costs
 - Secured technology to have unlimited online presentations at reduced costs to the chapter
 - Delivered weekly list to members for virtual activities
 - Provided 5 Volunteers for the 2021 AAHGS Conference
 - Participated in the Focus on Societies
 - Complied with all requirements from National
- Dawnya Lindsey - Treasurer
Dawnya introduced herself and highlighted her genealogy goals. She also described her role as Treasurer and her goal to assist with streamlining the financial processes for the organization.
 - Nefertiti Hawthorne - VP of Education
Nefertiti focused on her goal to begin a youth initiative to the Chapter. Many members added their desire to participate. Paula Matabane asked Nefertiti to write an article for the National Newsletter on this topic.



Clevlyn Anderson - Corresponding Secretary

Clevlyn described her role as Corresponding Secretary and reviewed upcoming projects that she is working on: Member Survey, Member Surname Research list for members only, and Speaker's Bureau and Genealogy Consulting lists that would be made publicly available.

Clevlyn Reviewed the results of the member survey by highlighting member responses to the following: member 2022 genealogy goal(s), presentations they are interested in, and presenter who are willing to present. A report to include more of the results is forthcoming.

Tammy had planned to provide a tour of the Chapter website but decided to wait until the next meeting due to limited meeting time. Tammy thanked the following for their participation in developing and or reviewing the website:

- William Durant
- Tamu Taylor
- Debra Jones
- Clevlyn Anderson
- Tammy Ozier

Announcements

- Tammy announced the following:
 - Announced the following events for February:
 - On Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., the Chapter and the Georgia Archives will co-host a virtual "Reconstruction: African American Genealogy Day."
 - On Monday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m., the Chapter will livestream a workshop, "YES YOU CAN! Getting Started in African-American Genealogy", to an audience seated in the Cobb County Charles D. Switzer Library's Georgia Room.
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Open Executive team positions
 - Programs committee
 - Grant writing/funding raising Lead and committee members
 - Technology committee
 - Sig coordinator
 - Virtual activities Notices
 - Membership committee
 - Research project coordinator



- Next Scheduled Chapter Meeting

We will not have a scheduled meeting in February since we are partnering with the Georgia Archives on February 5

Saturday, March 26 - Workshop on completing applications for lineage societies will be presented by Marcia Lamar and Jonnie Brown

- Member announcements included the following:

- Paula Matabane encouraged members to submit articles to the National Newsletter, including family histories. The upcoming June issue is the Sapphire Anniversary. Paula also encouraged members to submit to do conference presentations. March 10 is the deadline for the next newsletter edition.
- Stephanie Powers encouraged members to read and use the organization's journals and newsletters for family research.
- Tammy reminded the membership of the upcoming scholarships include the following:
 - The Frazine K. Taylor African American Research Scholarship – Application is due March 1
 - Paul Edward Sluby African American Scholarship - Application due March 15
 - Chapter meetings will remain virtual throughout the year.
- Emma reminded the membership of William Durant's work on the Freedmen's Bureau Indexing project. This project is expected to come up again.
- Emma also reminded everyone that the UCTC soldier's deposits in the Freedmen's Bank was transferred to Washington if there was no activity in the account. She stated that Tim Pinnick presented on this topic. It was suggested we have Tim Pinnick present at one of our meetings.
- Paula plans to transcribe all slave records at the Stuart County Courthouse. This would include slave transactions from 1831-1865.
- Devra stated that she found tax records in the basement of the Rockdale County Courthouse. FamilySearch is coming to digitize the records.

There being no other announcements or business, Tammy adjourned the Members Meeting at 3:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Clevlyn Anderson, Corresponding Secretary