



## Business Meeting December 11, 2021

**Call to Order:** 10:00 am (AZ) Meeting Called to Order

- Welcome by Marie Scott, President.
  
- Introduction of **Vicky Daviss-Mitchell Presenter's Series** Speaker by Phyllis Grimes. Our speakers, Ms. Aaisha Haykal, Ms. Georgette Mayo, and Ms. Erica Veal, from the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture – College of Charleston is in Charleston, SC. Their topic was to present the Avery Research Center and make us aware of who they are and what they offered to the preservation and interpretation of the black experience. Ms. Haykal was the first presenter and spoke on the history and functions of the center. The infrastructure of the center is based on the Avery Normal Institute which was founded in 1865 to educate and train black professionals. She shared the Avery Research Center has three (3) components the archives, museum, and library. The next speaker was Ms. Mayo, and her topic was “Treasuring Your Family Collection.” She spoke finding aids and ways to preserve your findings. The final speaker, Ms. Veal, topic was the “Preservation & Interpreting the Black Experience.” Ms. Veal shared that without the information we are able to archive at places like the Avery Research Center interpreting the black experience would be difficult. She stressed the importance of establishing family archives, take good care of personal collections, and donate to places like the Avery Research Center. The session was informative. The duration of the session was 63 minutes.
  
- Members and guests participated in a poll regarding presentation and ZOOM.
  
- **Business Meeting:** President Scott:
  - Welcomed guest(s)
    - Members asked to acknowledge guests/members that may also be listening. Three speakers from Avery Research Center were recognized. They each shared their backgrounds and ancestry research.
  - Installation of Officers
    - Elected Financial Secretary, Paulette Howard was installed for 2-year term
    - Appointed Treasurer, Tom Campanella and Recording Secretary, Gayle King were installed to serve 1-year terms
  - Reports
    - Minutes and Financials Reports approved by the Board and available in the member portal on BFGHS website. If you have questions/corrections/comments email – [contact@bfghs.org](mailto:contact@bfghs.org)
    - Committee Reports:



- Audit Committee
  - Committee chair will submit a report
- Grant Submission - Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI) Grant application was submitted
- Programming Committee - Phyllis Grimes
  - January speaker will be Angela Walton-Raji. Her topic “Finding Native American Ancestry in African American Families.”
  - Cemetery Project – committee met and moving forward
- Bylaws – Rosalind Matthews
  - Appeal was made by Chair Matthews to the members
    - to review the Bylaws changes
    - note two additional pages referencing bylaw to Roberts Rules of Order
    - be prepared to vote during Feb meeting
- Membership Committee
  - 2021 membership expires 12/31/2021
  - Members need to submit Membership Application and Pay Membership Fee
  - Everyone invited to join BFGHS
- President Comments
  - Members encouraged to visit BFGHS website
  - “What Will I Find on The Website?” – *Members Only Portals in BLUE*

<i><b>BFGHS Committees</b></i>	<i><b>Members Roster</b></i>
<i><b>BFGHS Governing Documents</b></i>	Membership Application
Calendar for 2021 Events and Meetings	<i><b>Monthly Meeting Minutes</b></i>
Links to Genealogy Presentations	<i><b>Monthly Treasurer’s Reports</b></i>
Links to PayPal to Pay Dues and Make Donations	Research Forms and Materials
<i><b>Surname Index List</b></i>	

- Members encouraged to complete or update Surname Index Research List form
- Newsletter – Jeryse Kelly made an appeal for members to submit contributions to newsletter



- Programming for the Month
  - African American Lineage: ***“Year in Review”***– Rosalind Matthews ***Thursday, December 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM (AZT)***
  - Efficient Genealogical Research – Rosalind Matthews ***Thursday, January 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM (AZT)***
  - ***“Introduction to DNA”***– Mr. Charles Barker, President Indiana African American Genealogy Group (IAAGG) ***Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 6:30 PM (AZT)***
- Anniversaries, Brag Bites and December Birthdays
- Breakout and Conundrums Time – Topics:
  - *Breaking Thru Brick Walls Prior to 1870*
  - *What I Need Help With*
  - *Document-based Research*
- Chapter members went into breakout rooms for 33 minutes. Then returned to main room.
- President Scott’s closing remarks:
  - Thank you to our guest speaker, Ms. Haykal, from Avery Research Center for staying on and participating in our breakout session.
  - Reminder to “Capture and Document” during the holiday session
  - Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Kwanzaa
  - Thank you everyone for attending meeting

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Scott adjourned meeting at 12:35pm (AZT).

**Attendance:** *26 attendees (Members 22; Guests 4).* See Attendance Report for details.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia R. Davis*

Recording Secretary

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