

BFGHS: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

DATE & TIME: Saturday, January 08, 2022; 10:00 a.m. (Arizona Time)

LOCATION: ZOOM

Attendees: Members – Katherine Ayers, Mary Bowden, Thomas Campanella, Merrilyn Collins, Arlene Everett, Cheryl Franks, Paula Greene, Phyllis Grimes, Elaine Hadnot, Margaret Hangan, Claudia Hopson, Paulette Howard, Gwendolyn Humphries, Andrew Hurst, Jeryse Kelly, Gayle King, Larry Lee, Rosalind Matthews, Lamont Monroe, Damita Moore, Linda Morris, Birtie Owens, Helen Poole, Thom Reed, Marie Scott, Jonda Shamsiddeen, Isaiah Shamsiddeen, Gloria Smith **Guests:** Brenda Edwards, Sharon McElroy, Angela Walton-Raji (Presenter)

Guidelines for Virtual Presentations & Meetings ... Social Media - IT Committee

[NOTE: Attendance – Members and Guests, please type your names into the “Chat” box.]

Meeting Called to Order & Welcome ... Marie Scott, President – The meeting began at 10:23 a.m. [Note: adjustments were made due to the connectivity issues of the presenter.]

Introduction of Speaker ... Phyllis Grimes, Chairperson, Program Committee

[**Vicky Daviss-Mitchell Presenter’s Series**] Presenter: Angela Y. Walton-Raji - Educator, Genealogist, Author, and Researcher. Topic: “Finding Native American Ancestors in African American Families” [Note: The presentation took place after the business meeting, due to issues of connectivity.]

Q & A ... Members and Guests (Questions must be placed in the “Chat.”)

Poll Regarding Presentation ... Zoom

Introduction of Executive Board, Board and Committee Chairpersons

Reports: Minutes and Financials ... Approved by Board and Uploaded to Website or Emailed to Members.

- **Audit Committee** - Report Lamont Monroe, V.P.
- **Program Committee** – Updates ... Phyllis Grimes, Chairperson
- **Bylaws Committee** – Updates ... Rosalind Matthews, Chairperson
Matthews reminded members that they will be voting on changes to the society’s bylaws at the February 2022 business meeting.
- **Membership Committee** - Updates ... Lamont Monroe, V. P. and Chairperson ... 38 members, to date.
- **Financial Committee** – Updates ... Thomas Campanella, Treasurer and Paulette Howard, Financial Secretary (for questions). Tom provided a report, while waiting for speaker to connect. There were no questions.
Beginning Balance as of 11/25/2021: Reserve/Savings - \$3,435.20;
Operating/Checking - \$1,876.48; Total: \$5,311.68. Beginning Balance as of 11/25/2021: \$1,876.48. Operating Withdrawals: USPS/Mailbox - \$166.00;
Reimbursement for Member Gifts/Tools (L. Monroe) - \$268.49. Total December 2021 Operating Account Withdrawals - \$4,034.49. December

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- **Recording Secretary** - Gayle King, Rec. Secy. (for questions) - There were no questions.

Announcements, Birthdays, Brag Bites, Member Highlight – Mary Hangan (01/05), Mary Bowden (01/30), and Kathy Elliot (01/30). There were no brag bites.

Breakout Rooms for Research & Discussion [Note: The attendees did not enter breakout rooms, due to time constraints related to the connectivity issues of the presenter.]

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:31p.m.

Prepared by Marie B. Scott, on behalf of Gayle King, Recording Secretary

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