

BLACK FAMILY GENEALOGY AND HISTORY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MAY BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022, 10:00AM (Arizona Time) ZOOM ROOM

MARIE SCOTT – PRESIDENT

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Scott, Janis Forte(speaker), Jeryse Kelly, Margaret Hangan, Andrew Hurst, Ann Hines, Arlene Everett, Beverly Hart, Birtie Owens, Charley Taylor, Cheryl Franks, Elaine Hadnot, Helen Poole, Joyce McCollum, Katherine Ayers, Larry Lee, Linda Morris, Linda Parham, Merrilyn Collins, Paulette Howard, Phyllis Grimes, Rosalind Matthews, Thomas Campanella, Wayne Parham, Wendella Howell-Bell, Lamont Monroe, Claudia Hopson, Gayle King

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Phoenix, AZ

Presents: **"Seven Strategies to Identify the Slave Holder and Reconstruct Slave Era Families"**



Janis Minor Forté is an experienced genealogist, lecturer and writer and has presented at national, state and local genealogical conferences. In addition to her many talents, she is also a Track Coordinator for the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI). Her presentation specialties include methodology and problem-solving techniques, skill-building and case studies. She is also skilled in on-site and online research. Janis is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration.

Janis Minor Forté

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Please join us on Saturday
May 14, 2022,
10 am Arizona time for this
BFGHS Virtual Event

For additional information & registration, please email BFGHS at contact@bfghs.org

9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Guidelines for Virtual Presentations & Meetings ... Social Media - IT Committee

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

10:00 a.m. – 10:01 a.m. - Meeting Called to Order & Welcome ... Marie Scott, President

10:02 a.m.- 10:04 a.m. - Introduction of Speaker ... Phyllis Grimes, Co-Chair, Program Committee

10:04 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – **[Vicky Daviss-Mitchell Presenter’s Series]** **Presenter:** Janis Minor Forte’, Genealogist and Track Coordinator for the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)

Topic: “Seven Strategies to Identify the Slave Holder and Reconstruct Slave Era Families”

- “Janis calls herself a Charthead”- Many useful charts presented by the speaker. You may email speaker at fortejm@yahoo.com for chart information.

11:09 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Reports: Minutes and Financials ... Approved by Board and Uploaded to Website or Emailed to Members.

- Financial Reports -Thomas Campanella, Treasurer and Paulette Howard
 - Total balance in checking and savings: \$7073.81 for the month. Report posted to the website.
- Financial Secretary (for questions)
- Minutes - Gayle King, Recording Secretary (for questions)
- Bylaws – Updates ... Rosalind Matthews, Chairperson
 - Policies and Procedures and Bylaws were posted on the website.
 - Per our bylaws, we will need to vote on the Nominating Chairperson, Linda Parham at the next meeting, A 28-day notice is required.
- Program Committee – Updates ... Phyllis Grimes, Chairperson
 - We will have access to the LDS Family Research Center for 4 months from May 28, 2022, from 10AM to 12:30PM.
 - Temple Visitor Center – 1st Saturdays.
 - Starting in June 2022, we will be working with the Red Mountain Library in Mesa for 5 weeks.
 - Programs for the month:
 - DNA Sigs with Phyllis Grimes at 6:30PM
 - Census Workshop
 - Juneteenth Co-host from 2:30-5:30PM at the Arizona Historical Society, Sunday, June 19, 2022. Margaret Hangan will be one of the speakers.
 - Information for all programs is on the website.

- Membership Committee - Updates ... Lamont Monroe, V. P. and Chairperson
 - We have gained 2 new members for a total of 61 members.
- Social Media/Technology Committee – Updates ... Jeryse Kelly, Chairperson
 - Advised us of the information available on our website.
 - Tutorial for today – Accessing the BFGHS website.
 - The DNA chart has been uploaded to the website.
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- Fundraising Committee – Updates ... Mary Bowden, Chairperson
 - Excused

11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. – Announcements, Birthdays, Brag Bites, Member Highlights

- Marie Scott - Invitation received from Tom Reed/Family Search to assist in indexing family groups for Arizona only. If interested, please put your name in the chat or send email to contact@bfghs.org
- You may still register for the NGS Genealogy Conference online at ngsgenealogy.org.
- BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:
- Juanita Irving - May 7, Larry Lee - May 9, Beverly Elliott- May 19, Cheryl Franks - May 26 and Dominic Scott - May 27
- The app, Dropbox will be added in the future to store certain documents.
- Phyllis Grimes stated that she will send out a list of services and documents that we will be able to access at the LDC center as non-members of this organization.
- Family Research – There is expanded access to this website. at the LDS community laptops.

11:35 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. - Additional Poll (If needed.)

11:37 a.m. – 12:27 p.m. – Breakout Rooms for Research & Discussion

12:27 p.m. – 12:29 p.m. – Closing

12:30 – Adjournment - 12:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L King – Recording Secretary

May 22, 2022