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10.16.2020 FIRST DRAFT

EC Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020

7:00-9:00p

ZOOM

In attendance: Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Natanya Duncan, Zende Clarke, Eric Jackson, Gladys Mack, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Jeff Banks, Lionel Kimble, Gilbert Smith, Bettye Gardner, Edna Medford, Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Camesha Scruggs, Barbara Spencer Dunn, Susan Sims Marsh, Jarvis Givens, Maurice Gibson, Anita Shepherd, Zebulon Miletsky, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Aaisha Haykal, Moses Massenberg, Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Sylvia Cyrus (joined at 7:45p)

Guest: Tara White

I. President's Report, Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham

Motion: Moved by Annette Palmer to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Natanya Duncan.

Motion passed

Discussion of the NWSA AND AAHS Statement's on President Trump's Executive Order

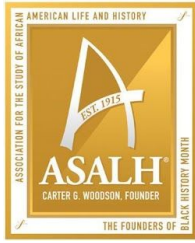
II. Programs

a. Black History Month Festival: Jeff Banks and Gladys Gary Vaughn

Motion: Moved by the Luncheon Committee that the following elements be adopted in order to carry out the 2021 ASALH Black History Month Festival comprised of virtual events to be aired on ASALH TV. These events have a projected budget of \$130,000 with a proposed net income of \$40,000.

1. A marquee event featuring a conversation between Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will be held on Saturday, February 20 at a per-ticket cost of \$50.
2. A discussion and presentation on African American Foodways and Traditions will be free and open to the public to be held on Saturday, February 6.
3. An event for a youth audience will be free and open to the public and held on a weekday.
4. A Book Roundtable and the presentation of the inaugural ASALH Book Award Prize will be free and open to the public to be held on Sunday, February 28.
5. Selected ASALH Branch programs.

Motion Passed Y-20; N-3



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Motion: Moved by Karsonya Wise Whitehead to continue the discussion. Motion tied: Y-11; N-11. Tie broken by the president to continue the discussion.

Motion: Moved by Lionel Kimble to authorize the National president to enter into conversation with PBS Books, exclusive but not limited to the February 28th program. (Sundiata offered a friendly Amendment to include: “exclusive but not limited to the February 28th program”). Seconded by Susan Sims Marsh. Motion passed, one abstention

b. Virtual Conference: Natanya Duncan

Motion: Moved by Natanya Duncan that the record show the following:

- a. The Social Activities held at the 2020 Virtual Conference were brought to fruition at the suggestion of Jacob Dorman. A committee was formed that included Aaisha Haykal, Markeysha Davis, Kaisha Esty, Kendra Boyd, and Jasmine Young.
- b. Sis. Duncan asked the committee to design two tiers of social options for the conference that included live music and games. Sis Haykal volunteered with the support of Sis Davis to arrange for the games. She dubbed the social events "The ASALH Lounge"
- c. All DJs for the events were secured by Sis. Duncan and the costs covered by her and Sis. White. There was also a live band secured and a deposit paid for with the support of Bro. Jelks and Kimble. The band was canceled when the Open Mic was rescheduled at a time that would place it in competition with the Open Mic Night. Seconded by Tara White.

Susan Sims Marsh offered a few notes to clarify the Motion:

1. Since it is a Motion from the Business Meeting, it cannot be taken up until the 2021 Business Meeting.
2. We can simply add a Thank you to the website for everyone who was involved in the Virtual Conference.

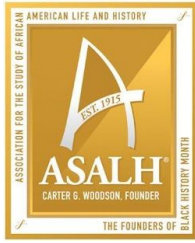
Evelyn suggested the Natanya put together a list of who to thank for the Virtual Conference and she also requested that Natanya submit a written report (at her convenience).

Zende suggested that the president charge the Programs Committee to put together a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Natanya stated that the SOP should come from the main Office.

Evelyn asked Natanya to work with the Programs Committee (at her convenience) to develop a SOP that can serve as a guide for the next committee.

Action Item: Standard Operating Procedures for the ASALH Annual Meeting & Conference will be produced by Dr. Natanya Duncan and Dr. Tara White



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III. Human Service, Gladys Mack

Presented Executive Director Evaluation Schedule and Tool for review

Moved by Zende Clarke to accept submitted evaluation process for Executive Director. Sundiata Cha-Jua seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention

Motion: Moved by Gladys Mack to accept the comparability study for the Staff of ASALH not to exceed \$1000. Motion passed with 2 Nos.

Meeting Adjourned