ASALH

April 16, 2020

7:10p-9:11p

Zoom

I. ASALH's Response to Covid19 (15 minutes)

Evelyn structured ASALH’s response to be ecumenical. A lot of good feedback from others and they appreciated that ASALH is going to do something. As we speak of Covid-19, let us not lose sight of our theme: the vote.

(Harvard has asked students to write about how they feel at this moment. Their reflections will be placed into the archives, not to be open for the next 85 years)

Gilder Lehrman is rushing to develop a program that will support teachers

Zoom has a Webinar feature

It would be wonderful if ASALH had Webinars.

II. New Business

1. Gloria Browne Marshall

Agenda item: "Who controls the funds given to a committee?"

We had this great panel in August and money came in from Bethel Dukes and John Ashley, about $2K.

Jarvis: This is some of the concerns we have with the ASALH Book Prize

We need to have this conversation again until it becomes instinctual: the money belongs to ASALH.

III. Audit and Finance: Gilbert Smith

Item #1: Someone tried to pass fraudulent check; ASALH has a new bank account

Item #2: Small Business Loan: we did apply through United Bank (our Reserve Account)

EC has to apply the Loan (approximately $60K)

Jeff: We are in the queue; we need to vote so if we get it, we can go forward

Sylvia: At 5% interest rate; this is the lowest money that we could get.

Sundiata: Is it your rec’d to take the entire $60K or the $20K that it is forgivable? I am concerned about us taking on debt.

Gilbert: The A&F supports taking on the entire measure.

Jeff: My support is for the entire $62K.

Jeff has recused himself from the vote because he works for the Bank.

**Motion: Gladys Mack moved that ASALH accept the full amount of the application for $62,300 that may be available under the payroll protection plan. Motion passed**

Yes: Sundiata, Lionel, Aaisha, Anita, Sheila, Zebulon, Edna, Eric, Camesha, Barbara, Randal, LaNesha, Gladys, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Zende, Anton, Gloria, Annette, Susan, Jarvis,

Gilbert: Abstain

**Motion: Gladys Mack moved that ASALH accept the full amount of $10,000 that may be available under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Motion passed**

Yes: Sundiata, Lionel, Aaisha, Anita, Sheila, Zebulon, Edna, Eric, Camesha, Barbara, Randal, LaNesha, Gladys, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Zende, Anton, Gloria, Annette, Susan, Jarvis, Gilbert, Jeff

IV. Membership: Barbara Spencer Dunn, provided written report

Our membership is doing well in spite of COVID. Our members are working hard to keep their members engaged. There are two recommendations by our branch that we should consider in the near future

(l) Jerome Harris, Vice President, Charleston, SC suggested we post some of the articles from presentations at the Charleston Conference to the HQs website. He said there were several presentations on epidemics that would be very appropriate to share with the public. We know we have to have permission from the authors to engage this idea, but we should think about this. I will send this through planning for discussion. Tonight, I just wanted to share the information.

(2) Sean Jones, Atlanta, GA is going to start branch programming that can reach out to all of the branches to attend. He has begun reaching out to the branches using their email addresses online. Evelyn spoke to this earlier. Just sharing this information.

I personally talked to all of the branch presidents. They really appreciated getting the Joe Madison recording of the Special Preview of the Woodson Home opening in 2017. The Manasota Branch is posting it on their website. Others are going to share it with their community. Most of the branches have received their flags and are very excited about the flag and appreciative for them.

V. ASALH TV: Lionel and Zebulon

Effort to engage in conversation about ASALH, black history and life

~~Motion: Lionel Kimble moved that we launch ASALH TV.~~ Motion removed from the floor.

Gilbert: What is the anticipated cost of ASALH TV?

Lionel: About $200 – and I am committed to putting it up myself; monies are needed for editing.

Sundiata: We need a clear plan on how to sustain.

Anita: From a planning perspective, we should not be rushed into a decision; we asked for a list of programs and budget (it would be easier for everyone if you had done this).

Meeting adjourned: 9:11p