



Member Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2021

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Tammy Ozier, President	1:00 – 1:05 PM
Welcome and appeal to join the chapter		
Introduction of Program	Jan Bryant, VP of Programs	1:05 – 1:10 PM
Presentation	Akosua Moore	1:10 – 2:30 PM
Business Meeting	Tammy Ozier	2:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned	Tammy Ozier	3:00 PM
Number in Attendance	35	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Tammy Ozier opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors.
- Tammy also reminded all attendees to join and/or to renew their membership. The requirements for joining were shared, including required membership with AAHGS National.
- Tammy Ozier introduced the program format for today's meeting.

MEETING PRESENTATION

Janice Bryant introduced the speaker, Akosua Moore. Ms. Moore researches her family history along with others in the Lowcountry. Currently she is contracted with a firm to provide genealogical services to the United States Army and research through her company, TheKinSeeker, LLC.

Speaker: Akosua Moore presented Speaking of My People: A Granddaughter's Journey Into the Lives of her Lowcountry Ancestors. The speaker presented a review of her family history and included resources and sources for her findings, including:

- NARA Research – in search of pension files
- Fold3 – USCT records
- Freedmen's Bank
- Freedmen's Bureau records

A question and answer segment followed the presentation.

Ms. Moore's presentation was recorded and can be found on the Member's page of the AAHGS Atlanta website.



Business Meeting

Tammy Ozier presented the following:

- Announced that the AAHGS Atlanta Chapter has 89 members as of May 22, 2021
- Reviewed the membership term and requirements to join.
- Stated that the May meeting minutes had been distributed and asked if there were any revisions and/or corrections. With none stated, the minutes were approved by the membership.
- Stated that the Treasurer's report had also been distributed and asked if there were any corrections or revisions. None was stated.
- Reminded members that the Monthly Meeting and Treasurer's Reports are housed on the Members section on the AAHGS Atlanta website.

Tammy reviewed the reason why we changed our online meeting platform from Zoom to MS Teams. The main reason was due to cost. By going to Teams, we would be paying around \$20 per year vs. \$150 per year. Teams will allow multiple members to set up meetings and more participants to attend meetings and presentations.

Questions and concerns were addressed about the Teams platform.

- Jonnie Brown stated that the sound quality was an issue.
- Dawnya Lindsey stated that the chat function was not available.
- Elishia Watkins stated that she was concerned that too much personal data was required by Microsoft.

Tammy addressed each concern and stated that she would check with Microsoft concerning the sound quality and the chat function. As for personal data, attendees were instructed that they did not have to download Teams in order to access meetings. They could also use an alias to present their identity.

Announcements

Jan Bryant announced the following:

- There is no scheduled meeting for June.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 17. The scheduled presentation is for members only. The topic: The Freedmen's Bureau Experience. This will be a hands-on workshop led by Shamele Jordan. Registration is for 30 participants and will be based on a first come, first serve basis.



- Focus Groups
 - Scheduled meetings were reviewed. The schedule will be posted on the AAHGS Atlanta website.
 - The Georgia Genealogical Society (GAGEN) is having a quarterly educational seminar on June 5 from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm. Register at <https://www.gagensociety.org/>. The seminar is free and open to the public.
- Emma Davis announced that Jonnie Brown's grandson won the Jr's. Award Writing Contest for the National Genealogical Society (NGS).
- Akosua stated that the Charleston African American Museum was scheduled to open in 2022. She will keep us posted.

Tammy Adjourned the Members Meeting at 3:00 pm.