



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2021

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Jan Bryant, VP of Programs	1:00 – 1:02PM
Introduction of Program	Jan Bryant, VP of Programs	1:00 – 1:02 PM
Presentation	James R. Morgan III	1:02 – 2:40 PM
Business Meeting	Jan Bryant	2:40 – 2:53 PM
Meeting Adjourned	Jan Bryant	2:53 PM
Number in Attendance	38	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Jan Bryant opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors.
- Jan Bryant introduced the program format for today's meeting.

MEETING PRESENTATION

Jan Bryant introduced the speaker, James R. Morgan III. Mr. Morgan is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C. where he completed his undergraduate studies in Communications and Africana Studies. He is the recipient of the 2019 Dr. Charles H. Wesley Medal of History and the 2020 Phyllis Wheatley Book Award for Non-Fiction Biography.

James is an active Prince Hall Freemason and as such he serves as Worshipful Grand Historian & Archivist of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. He has authored several scholarly writings on African American Freemasonry, fraternalism, and genealogy. He is also an Honorary Fellow and Life Member of the Phylaxis Research Society.

Speaker: James R. Morgan III presented *Our Sacred Orders: African American Fraternalism & Family History*

In this lecture, James R. Morgan III gave an overview of the important history and heritage of African American fraternal and benevolent societies. He also provided tips and tricks on how genealogists can find and learn about their history and how it can be useful in ancestral search.

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



Business Meeting

Jan Bryant presented the following:

- Announced that the AAHGS Atlanta Chapter currently has 95 members.
- Asked SIG leaders to encourage participants to join the organization.
- Appealed to the membership for project ideas and to take on new SIG ideas / groups.
- Stated that the September meeting minutes are posted on the Chapter's website and available for review. 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 was posted on the Chapter's website and available for review 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.
- Jan reminded all attendees to join and/or to renew their membership. The requirements for joining were shared, including required membership with AAHGS National.

Jan Bryant reviewed the Special Interest Groups (SIGS) upcoming schedule. Jan also reminded members that they can form a SIG based on a common interest with other members.

Clevlyn Anderson reminded the membership that Chapter Officer nomination process and job descriptions were sent out earlier in the week. The deadline for nominations is October 30. All positions are currently open for nominations. The voting process begins November 8.

Announcements

- Jan announced that three Chapter members received awards at the recent AAHGS National Conference. They are:
 - Tamika Strong – Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Genealogy Award
 - Paula Whatley Matabane – AAHGS President's Award
 - Lisa Bratton – On-the-Spot Award
- Jan announced our next speaker will be Shelley Viola Murphy, who's topic will be *An Overview of Military Research and Completing the DAR Application*. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 20.
- Jan asked the members if there were any other announcement or questions. There were none.

Jan adjourned the Members Meeting at 2:53 pm.