



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2023

General Monthly Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Monthly meeting called to order	Tammy Ozier
Meeting Agenda	Tammy Ozier
Presentation and Q & A	Kathy “Kanika” Marshall
Business Meeting	Tammy Ozier
Meeting Adjourned	Tammy Ozier
Number in Attendance	32

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Tammy Ozier opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors, both in person and virtually. She presented the meeting agenda.

MEETING PRESENTATION

- Clevlyn introduced the speaker for this month’s meeting, Kathy Lynne “Kanika” Marshall. Kathy’s presentation to us today is entitled: “Research and Writing Family History and Publishing”
 - Interview Relatives
 - Build a Family Tree
 - Organize Your Research Documents
 - Binders
 - Photo books
 - Use Social Media to Find Relatives
 - Change Your Mindset and Write a First Edition Book
 - Focus Your Book
 - Who is the book about?
 - Why is your relative important?
 - What do you already know?
 - Where did they live?
 - What are your 3-5 goals?
 - Develop a Template/Book Outline
 - Title Page
 - Copyright Page
 - Introduction
 - Chapters
 - Bibliography
 - Citations

- Family Tree
- Timeline
- Examine ALL Census Columns
- Check old maps
- Look at Marriages
- Land and Probate Records are GOLD!
- Make a poster from your research
- Make a video of your findings (i.e. YouTube channel)
- DNA Testing is key for Blacks and Adoptees
- NPS Surveys in 1930s
- Seek help from local libraries
- Check Newspapers for Articles/Photos
- Cemeteries Reveal Unknown Family Names
- Vital Records
- Genealogy Trip
- Self-Publishing is Freedom
- Join a Writing Group/Class

Contact Kathy at Kathy@KathyLynneMarshall.com

Business Meeting

- **Membership:**
 - Tammy reminded current members to renew their membership and invited new members to join.
 - As of today's meeting, we have 112 members. There were a couple of people join today.
- **Minutes:** Minutes and financial reports have been posted to the chapter website in Members Only
- **SIG information:**
 - Caribbean Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Rhonda Barrow): Meets most 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
 - DNA Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Stephanie Powers): meets most 2nd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
 - Georgia Special Interest Group (Co -coordinators: Dawnya Lindsey and Doris Thomas): Meets most 1st Saturdays of each month at 11:30 AM
 - Louisiana Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Tammy Ozier): As Special Request, Demands
 - Tennessee Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Devra Harney): meets most 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm via zoom.
 - Military Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Johnette Brooks): Meets Most 4th Sundays of Each Month at 1:00 PM
 - Sons/Daughters US Middle Passage (Coordinator: Jonnie Brown): Will resume in September

- Sons and Daughters of the US Middle Passage: Jonnie Brown shared with the group about the upcoming SDUSMP workshop coming up in September. She explained what lineage organizations are, more specifically, she discussed SDUSMP.
 - Traced family back to 1870
 - Can prove that a direct ancestor was enslaved OR can use Negative Evidence
 - Have vital records when they exist for each generation leading to the enslaved ancestor: birth certificates, marriage certificates, and death certificates
 - Gather documents now!
 - SIG meeting schedule: 7 monthly meetings beginning the third Thursday in September 2023
 - <https://sdusmp.org>
 - Interested in the SIG, email jbrown244@gmail.com

Jonnie shared the four members who took part in the SIG workshops and successfully applied for SDUSMP: Betty Pickett Stuckey, Sandra Bush, Clevlyn Bankhead Anderson, Tammy Ozier

Announcements

- June 3, 2023 – Georgia Archives is having their Genealogy Picnic
- Discover Your Roots GA – Atlanta: September 9th at the Ponce de Leon Family Center in conjunction with The Church of Latter Day Saints
- 1906 Coalition Days of Remembrance: September 21 – 24, 2023
- AAHGS National Conference “Hiding in Plain Sight”: October 18-21, 2023: if interested in volunteering please email chapter email account

Open Discussion

Minutes submitted by: Tamu Taylor, Recording Secretary
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