

AAHS, INC.

Meeting minutes -April 16, 2024 - of African American Heritage Society, Inc.,
Attendance:

Lynne Banks, Alan Cashaw, Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., Dr. Clea P. Hollis, Rev. Yvette Madison, Sr., Laura Perry-Thompson, Ernest Williams, Kim Williams, Dr. Barbara Zaborowski (Kim Williams corrected her email address / Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., will check with other members who did not respond or could not make the meeting)

President Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

President's Report:

Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., brought attention to the last official meeting minutes of AAHS, Inc., dated June 1, 2023. One of the key items of that meeting was the approval of Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., Rev. Yvette Madison, Dr. Clea P. Hollis and Claudia B. Jones as signors of checks written from our checking account at 1st Summit Bank(downtown branch). Shortly after the bank made new bank cards for new signatures, Claudia Jones and Dr. Clea P. Hollis entered the hospital and were unable to complete that process. We well move forward with the process after the next election. Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., gave a brief report of the Rosedale site placement and dedication ceremony that took place at the breast of Hinckson Run Dam. Alan Cashaw indicated that he would get the video of the event to Dr. Barbara Zaborowski for inclusion in the community historical website.

Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., gave Treasurer's report:

1st SUMMIT BANK (Downtown Branch)

3/31/24 - balance	\$4,112.06
deposit	\$ 305.00 (Women's Style & Grace Showcase)
	(+Income - a few sponsors \$ outstanding.. anticipate \$200)
Balance	\$4,417.06
	(-Will pay 2 invoices total \$258.74)

Items:

- A. Discussion of the dedication of the AAHS, Inc., Study Room in the name of Claudia B. Jones. Bruce G. Haselrig, Sr., had conversations with Claudia's niece Lesley Jone, in regards to a date or time period to hold the dedication event. Bruce reported that she he felt that perhaps the event could be held Memorial Day weekend 2024. Alan Cashaw suggested that a special feature could be the publishing of Claudia's manuscript "Heritage of the Invisible Valley" and presenting

it at the dedication. There was a concern of copyright issues of Claudia's documents. We should look into that issue. B. Haselrig, Sr., will contact the family about this concern. Other ideas: have photos and articles about Claudia Jones on display. Dr. Barbara Zaborowski. said that she would contact Patty Carnavella, JAHA Executive Director, about providing a picture hanging apparatus that makes it easier to hang photos on the walls. Kim Williams volunteered that she would be glad to help with design, etc on any projects since that's Kim's background.

***After discussion It was decided that we will not do a Memorial Day weekend dedication. We should take a longer period of time to plan and develop a marquee event that stands alone because Claudia Jones touched many peoples lives in many communities. Proper planning and time will allow us to have all of those communities involved in her recognition and dedication. B. Haselrig, Sr, will talk to the family about the calendar change. Members volunteered to begin the process.

Dedication Ceremony Committee members are: Lynne Banks, Alan Cashaw, Rev. Yvette Madison, Laura Perry-Thompson, Dr. Barbara Zaborowski.

- B. A plea was made for current members to recruit new members to AAHS, Inc. Send names of individuals to B. Haselrig, Sr. by May 1, 2024. Action will be taken on those nominees during the May meeting.
- C. Alan Cashaw, Sr., gave a brief report/schedule of 2024 Juneteenth. It will be held June 13 thru June 19, 2024. Dr. Barbara Zaborowski will try to get a TV donated for us to raffle off during the week. We will not do a basket raffle because last year's rain caused 2-3 day delay in the actual event. Thought.. In view of the treasurer's report AAHS should financially sponsor a Juneteenth event or sponsorship.
- D. Other items of interest: Ernest Williams inquired to B. Haselrig about Johnnie Ebram leaving his family information for AAHS when he attended "we believe," an over 50's reunion last year. After some discussion, B. Haselrig will do some research.

*****next meeting date - Tuesday, May 21, 2024 @3 p.m. via zoom*****

- E. Motion to adjourn was made by Alan Cashaw, Sr. Meeting adjourned @Approx 4:20 p.m.
SUBMITTED by BGH - 4/18/24