THE AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CLUB
General Meeting
October 6, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Prentiss Gates Vice-President.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - Greg Crosby

Joan Hogarth, Parliamentarian announced that Theanita McGraw has withdrawn her candidacy for Correspondence Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS - Ellie Graham, President encouraged members to make their voices heard this coming Saturday and Sunday at the Open House to be held at Visitors' Center.
She acknowledged August, September and October birthdays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made to approve the September 2026 minutes by Claudia Byrd and seconded by Robin Wilson.

REPORTS -

- **Correspondence Secretary** - Margaret Graham requested that information for sick and bereaved members be sent to her.

- **Treasurer** - Sheila Samuel presented the financial report for the period ended September 30, 2026
  Opening balance $11,554.78
  Total income - $380
  Closing balance - $11,934.78
- In response to questions regarding the report, she will have a complete breakdown at the next meeting. Ellie Graham reminded members that Financial reports are distributed along with the agenda and any member can request information on any topic at any time.

- **Outreach -** Denise Johnson acknowledged the Men of AHCC the Sistahs who Bake for the refreshments. . Upcoming Outreach events include the Renaissance Fair on November 6 and Career Day on November 13. She is also working with Eastside Elementary School for their Holiday shopping and gift wrapping scheduled for December 14-17. She reiterated that the focus for the rest of the year is on volunteering and volunteers are welcome to sign up. The towel drive was a huge success and hopefully can be transitioned into next year.

- **Membership** - Sheila Haire reported that year to date there are 325 members including 55 new members. Question regarding dues payment was addressed by Joan Hogarth, Parliamentarian. Lapsed memberships can be renewed by paying today for 2026 but dues for 2027 will still have to be paid. New members who pay today get three months free (October, November and December) and are fully paid for 2027. All paid members, including those who pay today are eligible to vote.

- **Program -** Yvonne Loney announced that the Holiday Ball will be held on December 18. Prices are $70 for members and $80 for non-members. Menu includes salmon, filet mignon and a vegetarian option with a full bar. Color theme is black, red and gold.

- **Parliamentarian** - Joan Hogarth announced that there are 155 persons in attendance, representing a quorum, therefore election results will hold.

- **Communications -** Greg Crosby reminded members that if they are not receiving emails to notify him.

- **Historian** - Bobby Vance discussed the changes at the Smithsonian National Museum and showed a video of a conversation with Dr. Lonnie Bunch that discussed how the next director will be selected. He reviewed a letter that AHCC will send prior to the selection and requested that a motion be passed to have the Board review the letter to be sent. The motion was unanimously approved. He stressed the importance of taking a stand and mentioned that he and Carrie Vance have been making digital copies of exhibits with still a few to go.

- **Club Announcements**

Page Turners Book Club - September's book is ***Judge Stone*** by Viola Davis and James Patterson.
SAHCC - Tony Loney announced schools are in the process of identifying students for scholarship application submissions.
Cheryl Shell is looking for men for an acapella chorus.
Counseling for Medicare plans is available by calling 800-963-5337.
Food pantry at Parkview Christian Center is open on the first Fridays of each month from 3:30-5:30 pm.

ELECTION RESULTS

Kathy Griffin announced the results of the Election

President	-	Kelvin Lee
Vice-President	-	Denise Johnson
Correspondence Secretary	-	Rosemary Jones
Recording Secretary	-	Marion Hogarth
Treasurer	-	Sylvan Wilson
Financial Secretary	-	Reggie Shell
Membership Coordinator	-	Tina Alleyne

MEETING ADJOURNED - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marion Hogarth
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, NOVEMBER 4, 10:30 AM
STARLITE BALLROOM

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