George Washington Carver Ambassadors, Inc. Meeting

1165 Angelina St.

January 21, 2020

Time: 6:30pm – 8:40pm

Attendees: Bernadette Phifer, David Featherston, Arthur Sauls, Latrice Davis, Jillion Chandler, Nathaniel Darden, Pamela Vance, Linda Hill, Clayton Shorkey, Carre Adams, Leon Roberts, Harold Bowling

Minutes

I. **WELCOME**
II. **PRAYER** - Vice President David Featherston
III. **CALL TO ORDER** - President Bernadette Phifer
IV. **CURATOR REPORT**
   a. Carre Adams
      1. New Museum Site Coordinator: Jay Savannah, starts February 3rd. Previously worked at the Old Bakery and Emporium and Central programs. Has experience working with youth programs and coordinating large events.
      2. Genealogy Center position: reclassified to Marketing Representative Aide – Interim appointment – will be posted city wide in the next two weeks
      3. Goal for Genealogy Center in the coming months:
         1. Continue to function as a genealogy center, but also create an African American house museum feeling.
         2. It will specifically hold historic exhibitions that are about the community in East Austin and, also Central Texas. This is to expand the historic exhibition offerings in this space. Will be treated like any other exhibition program.
         3. Will focus on cultural preservation activities and will partner with the Ambassadors to apply for cultural heritage and preservation funds to help research and create the historic exhibitions. These exhibits will rotate but sit for a longer period than those in the main museum. The goal is to make sure the Genealogy Center is better funded and utilized by the community.
         4. Will expand the operating hours of the Genealogy Center into the evening

4. Mr. Adams assured us that the Carver will maintain its mission, that of history, art, and culture.
5. Anticipated release of the "History of the Museum" exhibition is January 31, 2020. Could possibly send out electronic invitations for such events to the Ambassadors
6. Bond update:
    1. Will have security cameras in gallery by Saturday, January 25 and the rest by mid-February
    2. Installing bird netting and spikes and power washing outside. Will be done by the end of February
    3. Will be meeting with the roofing specialist to discuss leaks. Carre agrees that the roof needs to be replaced
        a. Bond money is held by the Planning department and must go through a process before getting approved for a new roof. Can advocate for it at the City Counsel.
7. March – April: Theater renovations
8. Core Exhibit: Expected grand opening, February 20, 2020. Exhibit will be the African American presence in 19th century Texas, particularly, Central Texas. It will look at Black legislatures, freeman, and the evolution of Juneteenth.
9. Ms. Phifer is invited to the Amber Awards where she will be honored.
10. Master plan: Will begin in February. Architects have been selected. Two architectural firms selected, but not under contract. Some of the architects worked on the National African American Museum in DC
11. TIMBUKTU Y.O.U. after school program begins March 23-May 15, 2020. Please see attached flyer.
12. Please see attachment for upcoming events in February

V. GUEST - NONE

MEETING WAS CLOSED TO GENERAL BODY ONLY

VI. TREASURER REPORT

a. Latrice Davis - Treasurer
1. Reviewed typed reports - see attachments:
    1. "George Washington Carver Ambassadors Compass Bank (General Fund) Financial Report 1 January 2019" and
    2. "George Washington Carver Ambassadors Wells Fargo Bank (Challenge Fund) Financial Report 1 January 2019"

b. Bernadette Phifer brought up if an internal audit was needed. It was determined at this time that no audit was needed. It would be reviewed again at another meeting.

c. Pamela Vance:
1. Ordered Juneteenth T- shirts: $1,169. 00
2. Bought Santa Wig, Beard, and Pillow: $82. 25

3. Turned in receipts – please see the attachments
4. Was reimbursed

d. Harold Bowling: Did a preliminary SOP on Finance which was passed on

e. Funds Received:

David Featherston	Online	Dues	$120.00
Clifford Gillard	Online	Dues	$120.00
Simon Hemby, Jr.	Online	Dues + Pin	$130.00
Leon Roberts	Online	Dues	$120.00
Clayton Shorkey	Check	Dues	$120.00
Jeffrey Archer	Check	Dues	$120.00
Latrice Davis	Check	Dues	$120.00
Jillion Chandler	Check	Dues + Pin	$130.00
Arthur Sauls for Rev. Sylvester Chase, Jr.	Check	Dues	$120.00
Harold Bowling	Cash	Dues	$120.00

VII. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Nomination Committee:
1. President: Harold Bowling
2. Clayton Shorkey
3. Arthur Sauls

b. Harold Bowling:
1. Commended Arthur Sauls for extra effort to make sure each spot was

2. Stated that everyone must pay dues in order to vote
3. Stated nominations were closed

VIII. VOTING (Paper Ballot Used)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

a. Results
1. President – Bernadette Phifer
2. Vice President – David Featherston
3. Treasurer – Latrice Davis
4. Parliamentarian – Clayton Shorkey
5. Correspondence Secretary – Pamela Vance
6. Chaplin – Rev. Sylvester Chase, Jr.
7. Recording Secretary – Jillion Chandler

b. Sworn in by Harold Bowling

X. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Leon Roberts:
1. Silver Bell Social: was a success however the stage was not set. Performers did a superb job. Need in house photographer support. Please see attached letter.
2. Inquired if he could be added to the About Us page on the website since he was one of the founders of GWCA, Inc. Everyone agreed he should be added.

b. Bernadette Phifer: Opening for Festival of Trees Reception – the event was good by not many people showed up. The band was good. Would like everyone to think about if they would like to continue to have this event each year.

c. David Featherston:
1. Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his mother's illness
2. Said that Bucky enjoyed doing playing Santa for the Santa Special and would do it again. The Santa Special event received a lot of free publicity on Bucky's radio program
3. Inquired about doing the scholarships this year. Will table this discussion until the next meeting

d. Pamela Vance:
1. Was told that a new Santa suit was need for the Santa Special. Bernadette Phifer said there needed to be more investigation because a new suit was not required, and she will call Carre Adams about the suit.
2. Scholarship recipient, Trevor White, sent a thank you letter to the Ambassadors. Card was read aloud to the members
3. She Is expecting a check from IBM

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bernadette Phifer:

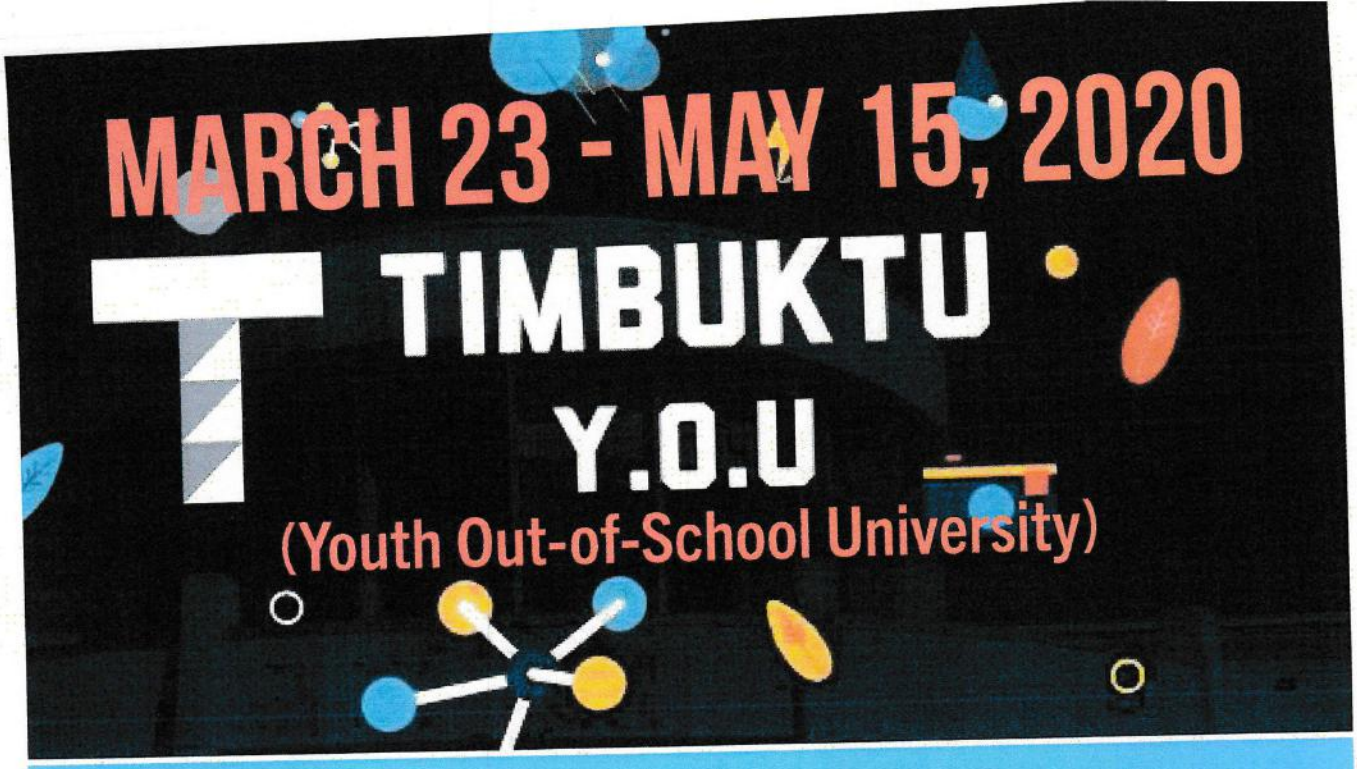
1. The officer retreat for this year needs to be discussed. Will table this discussion until the next meeting. David Featherston wanted to know if the other officers could have input on the date of the retreat
2. Awards and Art that has not been presented. Wants to present the Art in February. Would like the members to send her nominations for the awards. Members can suggest their own categories and nominees for those categories.

XII. <u>ADJOURNED (PRAYER)</u>

a. Prayer – Arthur Sauls
b. Next meeting February 18, 2020

Bernadette Phifer
Bernadette Phifer, President
GWCA, Inc.

Jillion Chandler
Jillion Chandler, Recording Secretary
GWCA, Inc.



A new after school program at The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center!

Timbuktu Y.O.U. is a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and photography-based afterschool program that touches on SEL (social and emotional learning) as well as gardening and leadership with our youth participants.

The program is for 6th-8th graders and is especially geared towards students of color. Its name is inspired by Timbuktu, the center of learning for centuries in Mali, West Africa an empire founded by Mansa Musa 1,800 years ago.

Program dates are March 23 - May 15, 2020. The cost of the 8-week program is $280 (residents)/ $440 (non-residents) which includes a $40 enrollment fee and monthly payments of $120 (residents) / $200 (non-residents). Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

For more information please call (512)974-3671 or email faith.weaver@austintexas.gov
To enroll visit www.austintexas.gov/department/after-school-programs

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Upcoming Events in February

Saturday, 2/1
11AM-3PM - *Black History Month Kick off and Block Party*

Capitol View Arts, Austin Local Organizing Committee, Counter Balance ATX, and the Carver Museum host First Saturdays. This program offers insights on history, culture, and aesthetic expressions of African-Americans. First Saturdays celebrate a range of themes throughout the year. This is a dynamic, family-friendly program.

11AM-1PM - *Growing Your Roots Genealogy Conference*

Growing Your Roots: The Inaugural African American Genealogy Conference is a free 4-day conference for scholars, students, genealogy historians and gurus where they will focus on African American history, research, and discovery, hosted in the state capitol of Texas by the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library. Join us between 11am-1pm for a tour of the Carver Genealogy Center.

Wednesday, 2/5
6:30PM-8:30PM - *Artist talk with AKIRASH*

Impacted by the forced separation of children from their parents at the U.S. Mexico border, multi-disciplinary artist, AKIRASH asks us to reckon with this dark moment in time. How can we heal the wounds, drain the venom, and live together in mutual respect and dignity?

Thursday, 2/6
5PM-7PM - Amber Awards

The *Amber Awards* were established by the George Washington Carver Museum Cultural and Genealogical Center to celebrate the contributions of individuals and organizations who are dedicated to preserving African American heritage and building a strong future for Austin's African American community.

Saturday, 2/8
2PM-4PM - *Let Freedom Sing! Community Sing-Along*

Join us in a community sing-along featuring musical selections inspired by the 2020 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and the Vote." The sing-along will feature vocalist and Song Leader Kristen Trotty and the Texas Preparatory School Choir.

4:30PM-6:30PM - *Works in Progress*

Works in Progress is a new program at the Carver Museum that highlights contemporary artists' new and ongoing projects. For Black History Month, we will feature a collaborative project by Ariel René Jackson and Michael J. Love.

Sunday, 2/9
3PM-5PM - *The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain Screening and Talkback*

The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain is a film based on the true story of the events that led to the death of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr., an elderly African American veteran with bipolar disorder, who was killed during a conflict with police officers who were dispatched to check on him. The film is the winner of the Austin Film Festival's Top Jury Award for Narrative Feature and Audience Award for Narrative Feature. After the screening there will be a talkback with writer/director David Midell and Producer Sharad Chib. RSVP required.

Tuesday, 2/11
6:30PM-8:30PM - *Community Engagement*

Join us in a critical dialogue about our accomplishments in FY19 and our goals for the upcoming year. Meet members of the feasibility study that will assist us in the creation of a Master Plan for the Carver Museum. Feedback and input are invaluable. Light refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, 2/12
6PM-8PM - *MVMT50*

An annual meet up for Blacks in Tech hosted by the Carver Museum and SXSW.

Thursday, 2/13
6:30PM-8:30PM - *That's My Face Community Film Series*

The Museum will celebrate Black Love before Valentine's Day with a showing of "Love and Basketball" starring Sanaa Lathan and Omar Epps. There will be a card making station with roses and refreshments. RSVP required.

Saturday, 2/15
11 AM-3 PM - *HBCU College Fair 2020*

Come and learn about the secret sauce of HBCUs from all over the country. High school juniors and seniors can get a little taste of HBCU life with a step show and a SWAC band performance. HBCU grads, come rep your school! Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, 2/18
6:30PM-8:30PM - *African Americans and the Vote: a panel discussion*

In 1870 the US Constitution was amended for the 15th time. 2020 salutes 150 years since Black men were legally allowed to vote. The panel discussion will examine how far we have come with

the vote and what can be done to drive home the importance of the participation in the public policy process.

Thursday, 2/20
6:30PM-8:30PM - *Core Exhibit Opening Reception*

Join us for the opening reception for the George Washington Carver's new core exhibit, *The African-American Presence in 19th Century Texas*. During the reception we'll have small bites courtesy of Huston-Tillotson University, a live music performance, and DJ set.

Friday, 2/21
6PM - 8PM - *Folktales Book Club*

February's selection is Susan Straight's new memoir, "In the Country of Women." Those interested in joining a Black Women's book club should contact Peggy Terry at folktaleslitsociety@gmail.com

Saturday, 2/22
11 AM-3 PM - *Black History Month Kids' Day!*

Black History Month Kids' Day! offers a fun-filled opportunity to learn about Black heritage. Activities will be inspired by the 2020 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and the Vote." Kids will have the chance to listen to storytellers, create their own make-and take craft projects, and join in other engaging activities.

12:30PM-2PM - *Mom, Dad, and Tween Book Club*

Explore people, places, and ideas by reading new books written especially for tweens (3rd-6th grade). Mom, Dad, and Tween book club intergenerational reading and discussion facilitated by author Yolanda King.

Tuesday, 2/25
6PM-8:30PM - *PBS Film Screening*

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Friday, 2/28
8AM-9:30AM - *Alzheimer's Association Capitol of Texas Breakfast*

Join us for breakfast and learn about needed resources for families, caretakers, and friends in the African-American community who are dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

George Washington Carver Ambassadors
Compass Bank (General Fund)
Financial Report
1 January 2019

Beginning Balance in Checking Account - 1 January 2019 $12,970.25

DEPOSITS:

01-03-19	Xmas donation	$400.00
01-16-19	Xmas donation/dues	$880.00
02-19-19	Dues	$600.00
03-05-19	Dues	$250.00
03-20-19	Dues/Scholarship	$1980.00
04-17-19	Dues	$120.00
06-19-19	T-shirts	$574.00
08-15-19	Apple donation	$876.52
09-09-19	Apple donation	$693.62
10-05-19	Apple donation	$1,385.82
10-17-19	Dues	$120.00
11-20-19	FOT donations	$750.00
12-11-19	FOT donations	$900.00
Total		**$14,695.96**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Date:	Ck. #:	Payee:	
01-15-19	1373	Bernadette Phifer (Awards reception)	$59.83
01-18-19	1374	Postmaster (200 @ .50 stamps)	$100.00
03-19-19	1375	Bernadette Phifer executive luncheon	$154.79
03-19-19	1376	San Antonio-Austin Chapter golf donation	$100.00
03-21-19	1377	Art Sauls reimbursement/storage	$182.90
03-21-19	1378	U-haul Storage unit B033	$182.90
04-04-19	1379	U-haul Storage unit B033	$152.90
04-16-19	1380	Austin African Am Book Festival	$1,581.50
05-01-19	1381	David Featherston newsletter	$303.00
05-01-19	1382	Postmaster Box 142954 (1 year)	$118.00
05-01-19	1383	U-Haul Storage unit B033	$167.90
06-01-19	1384	U-Haul Storage unit B033	$167.90
06-15-19	1385	Trevor White scholarship	$1000.00
06-15-19	1386	Marisa Washington scholarship	$1000.00
06-20-19	1387	Pam Vance buttons	$62.00
07-16-19	1388	U-haul Storage	$182.90
08-03-19	1389	U-haul Storage	$167.90
08-20-19	1390	Bernadette Phifer executive board luncheon	$129.36
08-20-19	1391	David Featherston newsletter	$172.00
09-04-19	1392	U-haul Storage unit B033	$167.90
10-05-19	1393	U-haul Storage unit B033	$167.90

10-19-19	1394	Postmaster.....certified scholarships/stamps.....	$60.90
11-13-19	1395	Rhett.....locksmith for storage.....	$130.00
11-19-19	1396	Arthur Sauls.....supplies.....	$87.67
11-19-19	1397	Bernadette Phifer...Festival of Trees.....	$152.53
12-05-19	1398	Horizon Printing.....newsletter.....	$283.00
12-07-19	1399	Band.....FOT opening.....	$250.00
12-07-19	1400	Ora Hall.....Caterer.....	$100.00
12-07-19	1401	Bernadette Phifer.....Opening/Silver Bell.....	$570.31
12-08-19	1402	Sam's Club.....Santa Special.....	$216.36
12-12-19	1403	Walmart.....Silver Bell.....	$258.14
Total:			**$8,430.49**

RECONCILIATION:

Balance brought forward.....	$12,970.25
Total of Deposits.....	$14,695.96
Subtotal.....	$26,016.21
Less Disbursements.....	$8,430.49
Balance in Account.....31 December 2019.....	$17,585.72

NOTE: (Scholarship: $2,570/Sauls) - ($15,015.72 - Gen. Fund)

Humbly Submitted,

Latrice Davis

Latrice Davis, Treasurer

George Washington Carver Ambassadors
Wells Fargo Bank (Challenge Fund)
Financial Report
1 January 2019

Beginning Balance in Checking Account - 1 January 2019 $18,654.46

DEPOSITS:

03-20-19.....100% Art Auction.....$30.00

Total.....$30.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Date:	Ck. #	Payee	Amount
12-10-19	2077	Pamela Hart	$225.00
12-10-19	2078	Dr. James Polk	$225.00
12-10-19	2079	Brannen Temple	$125.00
12-10-19	2080	Brandon Rivas	$125.00

RECONCILIATION:

Balance brought forward.....$18,654.46

Total of Deposits.....$30.00

Subtotal.....$18,684.46

Less Disbursements.....$700.00

Balance in Account.....31 December 2019.....$17,984.46

NOTE: [$10,000 earmarked (special donation)], [Musuem/Art Auction $1,252.72]
[GWCA funds $6,731.74]

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Treasurer