George Washington Carver Ambassadors, Inc. Meeting
1165 Angelina St.
November 19, 2019
Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

I. CALL TO ORDER (PRAYER)

a. Called to order - President Bernadette Phifer

b. Prayer – Vice President David Featherston

c. Attendees – Bernadette Phifer, David a Featherston, Art Sauls, Clifford Gillard, Pamela Vance, Latrice Davis, Laura Esparza, Carre Adams, Linda Hill, Jillion Chandler, Leon Roberts, Clayton Shorkey, Simon Hemby Jr., Harold Bowling, Carrie Lane

II. CURATOR REPORT

a. Carre Adams
   1. Typed report handed out – see attachment "George Washington Carver Ambassador's Report Tuesday, November 19, 2019"

III. GUEST

a. Jillion Chandler – New webmaster
   1. Website is now up and running. Has a member's only area
   2. Jillion Chandler volunteered to become the new GWCA Recording Secretary

MEETING WAS CLOSED TO GENERAL BODY ONLY

IV. TREASURER REPORT

a. Latrice Davis
   1. Reviewed typed report - see attachment "George Washington Carver Ambassadors Compass Bank (General Fund) Financial Report 1 January 2019"
      1. Website changes will allow GWCA to get money from Apple
      2. Applied for smaller storage for trees. Less money will be spent.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Newsletter (David Featherston)
   1. Three major upcoming events for December (GRAND OPENING OF FESTIVAL OF TREES, SILVER BELL SOCIAL and SANTA'S SPECIAL)
   2. Will print 500 copies of the newsletter for December
   3. They will be printed prior to December 7, 2019

b. Fundraisers

1. Festival of Trees
   1. Opening reception: December 7, 2019 from 7 – 8:30pm
   2. Don Steward Trio will play for the opening reception (cost $250)
   3. Opening reception will be catered.
   4. Ms. Phifer would like everyone to submit 3 email addresses by November 26, 2019 to send invitations to for the opening reception

a. Membership list needs to be updated. David Featherston volunteered to clean up email list
5. Pamela Vance created a GoFundMe to sponsor ornaments for the community tree. She will send out an email with details
6. Tomato cage trees were made and added to the tree inventory.

2. Tee Shirts

1. Pamela Vance is handling the Juneteenth T-Shirts order for the coming year.

c. Silver Bell Social

1. December 12, 2019 from 3 – 5 pm
2. Everything is ready to go related to SBS (Leon Roberts)
3. Art Sauls – Flyers ready. Printed on the both sides of the flyer.

d. Santa Special

1. December 14, 2019 from 11am – 3pm
2. Santa needs a new beard and hair. Pamela Vance volunteered to order/purchase the new one.
3. Carrie Lane (will assemble the Treat bags.) Take them to her house by Thursday, December 12, 2019

e. Nomination Committee (2020 Officers)

1. Committee will consist of Art Sauls, Harold Bowling, and Clayton Shorkey
2. Election will be held at the January 2020 meeting.

f. Grants (Arts/Music Bond; Heritage Preservation Fund; Federal Grant for Black Museum; Heritage District Grant; Others) applications should be presented to the President for review and consideration.

VI. PRESIDENT REPORT

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Clifford Gillard – submitted resumes from two grant writers for consideration/and discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNED (PRAYER)

a. Prayer – Harold Bowling
b. Next meeting January 21, 2020

Bernadette Phifer
Bernadette Phifer, President
GWCA, Inc.

Jillion Chandler
Jillion Chandler, Recording Secretary
GWCA, Inc.

George Washington Carver Ambassador's Report
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

I. **Upcoming Events**
   a. **November 16–17 & 23–24, 2019:** East Austin Studio Tours: Noon – 6:00 pm
      i. *1st weekend of East 800 + attendees*
   b. **November 21, 2019**
      i. Making History/ Making Art (Panel Discussion @ Oakwood Chapel): 6:30 – 8:00 pm
   c. **November 30, 2019:**
      i. Black Makers Marketplace (Melinated Marketplace): 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
   d. ***December 7, 2019:***
      i. Festival of Trees Kickoff: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
   e. ***December 11, 2019***
      i. Keys of Life Recital: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
      ii. *Austin Symphony Orchestra: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm*
   f. ***December 12, 2019:***
      i. Silver Bell Social: 3:00 – 5:00 pm
   g. ***December 14, 2019:***
      i. Santa Special: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
   h. ***December 27, 2019:***
      i. Kujichagulia (Kwannza Celebration). The rough translation of Kujichagulia (koo-jee-chah-goo-LEE-ah) is self- determination:" ~~5:30 pm~~ – 8:30 pm
      6:30 pm

II. **Annual Community Engagement**
   a. **New Date:** February 11, 2020
   b. The engagement was postponed due to historically low turnout in the month of November and numerous conflicting events.
   c. The architectural firm that was selected to lead our Master Planning process is still not under contract. Anticipated Contract Date: ***Sometime December 2020***

III. **Black History Month 2020**
   a. National Theme: *African Americans and the Vote*
   b. Is the GWCA interested in sponsoring an event during the month of February? If so, please contact Para Agboga to coordinate.
   c. Brochures will be available for distribution in 1st or 2nd week of January 2020.

IV. **New Core Exhibition: *The African American Presence in 19th Century Texas***
   a. Asbestos/Lead Testing Completed on November 12, 2019
   b. We are cleared to continue installation of the new core exhibition.
   c. Anticipated Opening Date: ***January 23, 2019*** (However, due to the holiday season, there are some scheduling challenges for several of our contractors. We will make a formal announcement in the January 2020 E-Newsletter.

V. **Bond Repairs/ Master Planning Update**

a. **Encumbered Funds To Date: $490,000.00**

i. Security Camera System, Fire Suppression System, Gate and Fence Repairs, Bird Netting

ii. JOC Orders

iii. Architectural Consultations

b. **Master Plan Architectural Contractors**

i. Contract Not Signed (Anticipated December 2020)

c. **Outstanding Questions**

i. *What is the status of the warranty on the Museum's roof and who is the contractor?*

Metal Roofing: *50 year warranty*

Flat Roofing: *10 year warranty*

EMPIRE: Roofing Service Contractor: warranty on repairs 1 year

ii. Architect will complete an assessment of the flat roof, there are extensive concerns regarding the application of the roof flashing that might be causing the leaks.

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
Total		**$12,925.96**

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
Total:			**$6,512.48**

RECONCILIATION:

Balance brought forward	$12,970.25
Total of Deposits	$12,925.96
Subtotal	$25,896.21
Less Disbursements	$6,512.48
Balance in Account 1 November 2019	$19,383.73

NOTE: (Scholarship: $2,570/Sauls) - ($16,814.03 - Gen. Fund)

Humbly Submitted,

Latrice Davis

Latrice Davis, Treasurer