

Coastal Museum Association

Business Meeting
Harper Fowlkes House
October 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes

CMA President Elyse Butler, Presiding

In Attendance

Kat White- Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Elizabeth Srsic- Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Gaye Kurmas - Davenport House
Joe Stahl- Savannah Area Council of
Garden Clubs, Inc. Botanical Garden
Cora Morris- Individual
Claire Ursillo- Georgia Southern Museum
Kelly Zacovic- City of Savannah Municipal
Archives

Kayla Clark- UGA Aquarium
Wilma Wheten- Bonaventure Historical Society
Elyse Butler- Georgia Historical Society
Sheila Boone – Georgia Historical Society
Dr. Deborah Johnson-Simon – CFSAADMC
Glenda E.A. Anderson – GHRAC
Gary Webb – Webb Military Museum
Luciana Spracher – City of Savannah Municipal
Archives

Member Introductions and Announcements

Elyse Butler – GHS

- “We Want All There Is” – The Struggle for Women’s Rights Beyond Suffrage” – Oct. 10, 6:00 PM

Kat White – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

Kayla Clark – UGA Marine Extension

- Oyster Roast for a Reason November 17, from 2-6 p.m
- Coastal Stewards: Introduction to the Georgia Coast – October 12

Wilma Wheton – Bonaventure Historical Society

- 2nd Sunday Tours of the Cemetery

Gary Webb – Webb Military Museum

Claire Ursillo – GA Southern Museum

- Hope to reopen soon!

Joe Stahl – Botanical Gardens

- Plant Sale – October 26th

Glenda Anderson – GHRAC

- Reminder to send a generic email address for your institution to be included on the Georgia's Natural, Cultural, and Historical Organizations Database

Deborah Johnson-Simon – CFSAADMC

- Drylongso Genealogy Folk Gathering on Saturday October 26th at the Beach Institute

Gaye Kurmas – Davenport House

- Buried History – African American Archaeology Walking Tour App launch – October 10th
- Yellow Fever Programming on Fridays and Saturdays in October
- Harvest Lecture Series with Regina Mason, November 4th and November 6th – Life of William Grimes, a Runaway Slave

Sheila Boone – GHS

Holly Elliot – CHS

- 240th Anniversary of the Siege of Savannah event at Battlefield Memorial Park – October 9th

Elizabeth Srsic – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

- You Vote Girls Win – vote for the Birthplace to win preservation funding through October 29th

Cora Morris – individual member

- Has a show at Starland Café through the 8th of October

Luciana Spracher – City of Savannah Municipal Archives

- Plant System Lecture – October 10th, at the PARC
- Archaeological Ordinance Survey Feedback through October 14th, October 26th will be a public forum for feedback

Kelly Zacovic – City of Savannah Municipal Archives

Old Business:

- Approval of Minutes
 - Elyse Butler asked for any changes to the minutes. None offered. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer Report- Holly Elliot
 - The beginning balance on 06/01/2019 was \$6,176.50. There was \$2,729.00 in income from membership dues, Kiah Fund Donations, and Website Fund Donations. There was \$310.08 in expenses for Awards Luncheon catering and Award Plaques for June Awards. The ending balance on 09/30/2019 was \$8,595.42.
- Membership Committee Report – Sheila Boone
 - Total membership – 40 institutions (47 sites) and 27 individual members
 - 38 Institutions renewed and 10 individual members renewed
 - 2 new institutions joined and 17 new members
 - Follow up with the treasurer if you need to pay your dues

New Business

- Rescheduling of January Meeting - approved
 - First Wednesday of January is January 1st
 - Proposal to reschedule to 2nd Wednesday in January (Jan 8th)
 - Approved
- Standardizing Board Term Limits
 - Proposal to standardize Board position term limits to two years on a rotating basis (President and Vice President rotate together, Secretary and Treasurer rotate together)
 - Approved
- Call for Audit Committee members
 - Audit to be conducted in mid-November before Holly goes on Maternity leave
 - Email Elyse if interested

Program

“Over Teacups” by Kat White – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

- Program presented at the National Conference for Public History
 - Theme “Repair Work”
 - Travel was in part funded by the Kiah Fund
- JGLBP had a Victorian Supper program for Girl Scouts to attend and learn Victorian Dining traditions, but who did it serve?
 - Did it meet the mission of the house to reflect all girl’s experiences?
 - Retired the program even though the girls were upset about it
- Replaced it with “Over Tea Cups” – a program that uses food as a vehicle for story telling
 - Mission to link core Girl Scout stories to stories of women all around the world who use food to make change in their communities
 - Girl Scouts view coming to the Birthplace as a pilgrimage and their experience in the house as a way to feel connected to the history and shared experiences of being a Girl Scout.
 - Food is a medium for a ritual shared experience
 - Medium to broaden the scope of the program to reflect all girls’ experience
- Girls have different experiences, taste different foods, and learn different stories in different rooms of the house and at the end are invited to share recipes from their communities and have a traditional tea service

Adjournment