



Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

Zoom

NAME	INSTITUTION / SITE
Luciana Spracher	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Rachel Stayer	Telfair Museums
Anne-Solène Bayan	Telfair Museums
Adam Cusick	American Prohibition Museum
Alena Pirok	Georgia Southern University
Ari Dumalagan	Savannah African American Museum
Billie Stultz	Savannah African American Museum
Breana James	Georgia Historical Society
Elizabeth Srsic	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Erin Dunn	Telfair Museums
Teresa Victor	Congregation Mickve Israel
Herbert Victor	Congregation Mickve Israel
Jamie Credle	Green-Meldrim House
Kim Campbell	Individual
Lisa Denmark	Individual
Sarah Logan-Reynolds	Individual
Tara Kelsey	Massie Heritage Center
Wilma Wheten	Individual
Kelly Zacovic	City of Savannah Municipal Archives

Presentation

Rachel Stayer, Outreach Coordinator at Telfair Museums, gave a presentation about the scope of Telfair's outreach and, in particular, its outreach with elderly audiences.

Approval of minutes

Luciana Spracher, President of CMA, asked if there were any edits to the October meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Billie Stultz and seconded by Adam Cusick, Treasurer of CMA. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Adam Cusick shared the treasurer's report. He indicated that it reflected the latest membership payments and refunds for double payments, as well as a reimbursement to Luciana Spracher for her purchase of Reciprocal Admission card renewal stickers. As of this meeting, the ending balance is \$11,056.40.

Luciana Spracher asked if there were any questions? There were none. The report was accepted as information.

Old Business

Tara Kelsey, Vice President, asked that members who wish to make changes, like add or remove staff or volunteers, to the listserv contact her at CMAVicePresident84@gmail.com. To use the listserv, members simply send an email with the information they wish to share to cmaga@googlegroups.com.

New Business

Luciana Spracher gave an overview of the Reciprocal Admission (RA) program. You have to be a participating site to receive RA cards. Participating sites get 10 renewal stickers/RA cards a year. If you are not a participating site, you do not get an RA card. If you are an individual member you get 2 cards. Student members do not get a card. When you use a card, you present it to front line staff on arrival. Please note that these are reusable, so do not throw them away! You can't give your RA card to a friend or family to use. However, you can bring 2 other family members and/or friends if there is at least 1 member institution staff or volunteer present. There are only 3 cards per visit, and every single person in your party needs to show a card to enter the site. How each site distributes the cards is at the site's discretion. Please discuss the guidelines with staff who will use the cards and with staff who will be on the front line receiving cards. CMA wants to be respectful of participating sites and ensure members are not abusing the system.

We transitioned to reusable cards to promote sustainability. On the back of the card there is a QR code with a list of participating sites. Renewals will be issued this month and those renewal stickers will be good for another year, and new members will get their cards and stickers. If you lose a card, there is a \$5 fee per card. The cards should last five years.

Renewal stickers have been ordered but are delayed and are expected next week. For participating sites, the primary contact that submitted the membership form will receive the RA cards. The current RA cards and participating sites list runs through November 30.

Luciana Spracher asked what sites were doing to accommodate individuals with special needs.

Tara Kelsey gave the example of an 8th grade group of 150 students, separated in 2 walking tours. Usually, Massie Heritage Center distributes a booklet with information on historical markers; in this case,

Massie was pre informed (after inquiring specifically about any special needs) that one of the students had a visual impairment and could read Braille. Massie subsequently worked with the school to make a booklet in Braille that can be reused for similar situations in the future. She also added that they assigned a guide to the group that would be sensitive to the student's needs.

Adam Cusick explained that one of the tour guides at the American Prohibition Museum started working on a sign language tour.

Luciana Spracher asked if anyone knew of an ASL interpreter and encouraged members to share any relevant resources that could be compiled and used by all CMA members.

Member Updates & Announcements

- Savannah African Art Museum (Bille Stultz)
The Kwanzaa Marketplace
The marketplace will be extended to the first three Fridays and Saturdays of December. All Info can be found on our website: <https://www.savannahafricanartmuseum.org/kwanzaa-marketplace-2023>. They are also looking for vendors and the application will be open until November 21. Please share this information with artists and local makers: <https://form.jotform.com/232914495849168>

The November Workshop

November 11 from 11am-1pm

RSVPs are required for attendance as supplies are limited:

https://www.savannahafricanartmuseum.org/2023workshops/harvest_series

- Massie Heritage Center (Tara Kelsey)
Native American Festival
November 4, 11am-4 pm
Charging regular museum admission
- Mickve Israel (Herbert Victor)
Shalom Y'all Food Fest
Sunday, November 12, 11am- 3pm
- Georgia Southern University (Alena Pirok)
Internship Fair for graduate level public history students
Monday, November 13, starting at 6pm
Statesboro campus
There are still table opens; if you are interested in participating, please email: mvanwagenen@georgiasouthern.edu
- Telfair Museums (Anne-Solène Bayan)
Tour of the Richmond Barthé exhibition
Jepson Center
November 5, 2pm

Holiday Tree Lighting

November 30, 5:30pm
Telfair Academy
Open and free to the public

Next Meeting/Save the Date

What: CMA Holiday Social & Potluck

When: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:30pm

Where: Abercorn House, 319 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Please RSVP!

Luciana Spracher also reminded members about a bonus tour being offered by the Georgia Salzburger Society. The deadline to sign up is early next week.