



Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024
Congregation Mickve Israel

NAME	INSTITUTION / SITE
Luciana Spracher	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Breana James	Georgia Historical Society
Kristin Singleton	Georgia Historical Society
Neil Ligon	Guest - LIFE
Kelsey Chandler	Tybee Island Lighthouse
Wilma Wheten	Individual
Danielle Hodes	Davenport House Museum
Elizabeth DuBose	Ossabaw Island Foundation
Jamie Credle	Green-Meldrim House
Joe Stahl	Botanical Gardens
Chris Sergi	Andrew Low House Museum
Deborah Johnson - Simon	African Diaspora Museology Institute
Adam Cusick	American Prohibition Museum
Nina Roberto	Savannah College of Art & Design
Tara Kelsey	Massie Heritage Center
Samantha Matera	Fort Pulaski
Ginger Varner	Andrew Low House
Mary Strickler	Coastal Heritage Society
Rebecca Eddins	Andrew Low House
Stephanie Edgecombe	UGA Marine Education Center
Lisa Denmark	Georgia Southern University
Lucy Clarke	Georgia Historical Society

Kelly Zacovice	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Herbert Victor	Congregation Mickve Israel
Jeff Freeman	Davenport House
Nina Roberto	Savannah College of Art and Design

Approval of Minutes

Luciana Spracher, President of CMA, reiterated that CMA has gone “paperless.” A copy of the last meeting’s minutes was shared ahead of time via email.

A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was given by Joe Stahl and seconded by Deborah Johnson - Simon. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Adam Cusick, CMA Treasurer, outlined the treasurer’s report, noting that an audit was completed in November 2023. The results of that audit were as expected. The starting balance on November 1st is \$11,340, including \$2,608 for the Kiah fund.

New Business

Luciana Spracher spoke about RA cards. Previously, CMA used paper printing, before switching to plastic cards. The latter was more official looking and long lasting; however, many cards were lost, and this incurred costs to replace them. Luciana proposed that CMA returns to paper for the next round of RA cards: This is an easy model to maintain and much cheaper. However, the cards look less official. Jeff Freeman suggested that the cards include institutional IDs. Joe Stahl asked about the cost difference between both models and Tara Kelsey, Vice President of CMA, suggested we circulate a survey to make a decision on this topic. Ultimately, it was decided to try going back to paper cards.

Luciana reviewed the schedule and noted that the overall schedule is outlined in the bylaws. Traditionally, CMA meets from September to June for monthly lunch meetings and takes a break from July to August. This year, we have tried a rotating schedule with 3 lunch meetings, 3 virtual, and 3 special and 3 networking events. If we wanted to adopt this model, we would need to change the bylaws. Joe Stahl proposed doing away with virtual meetings, and Lisa Denmark proposed changing the language in the bylaws to include the wording “at least” to allow flexibility. Lisa also proposed to remove the “July-August” limitation. The Board will craft a proposal and put it out for a vote.

Luciana explained that the Board has proposed a records retention program that would lay out the types of records and their retention lengths. Bylaws would need to be edited to reflect this. A generic phrasing such as “The Board will follow a records retention schedule and policy for future leadership to follow” would suffice.

Presentation

Neil Ligon, Executive Director of LIFE (Life Independently for Everyone), gave a presentation on what it

means to live independently when you have disabilities and outlined the advantages of hiring people with disabilities.

Member Updates & Announcements

- Taylor Square Dedication, February 10 at 11am
- Super Museum Sunday, February 11
- Lecture on the Kiah House on February 15 at 5pm at Historic Savannah Foundation
- Scholar in Residence at Mikve Israel
- Davenport House: Weddings on Valentine's Day
- Tybee Historical Society: Tower is closed for renovations. Reminder about a silent auction.
- Georgia Day Exposition, February 9, and the Massie Heritage Center

Next Meeting

What: CMA Business Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2023, at noon

Where: Zoom (link to be sent via listserv)

Speaker: Laura Seifert, Fort Pulaski National Monument

Topic: Climate Change Mitigation