



Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024
Congregation Mickve Israel
Minutes by Luciana Spracher

NAME	INSTITUTION / SITE
Luciana Spracher	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Glenda Anderson	Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council
Wilma Wheten	Individual
Danielle Hodes	Davenport House Museum
Jamie Credle	Green-Meldrim House
Joe Stahl	Botanical Gardens
Chris Sergi	Andrew Low House Museum
Christian Carr	Savannah College of Art & Design
Danielle Christian	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Adam Cusick	American Prohibition Museum
Tara Kelsey	Massie Heritage Center
Kim Campbell	Individual Member
Kristin Mikles	Davenport House Museum
Kelsey Chandler	Tybee Island Historical Society
Beth Palmer	Tybee Island Marine Science Center
LaPortia Mosley	Georgia Historical Society
Elizabeth Srsic	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Alec Nation	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Mary Grace von Thron	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Jennifer West	Savannah State University Library
Kelly Zacovic	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Tania Sammons	Ships of the Sea Museum

Lucy Clark	Georgia Historical Society
Danielle Christian	Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Claudia Christiansen	Georgia Salzburger Society
Deanna Sorrels	Congregation Mickve Israel
Dyain Jones	Individual Member
Brigid Jones	Individual Member
Kelly Lee	Visit Savannah
Danielle Arnold	Visit Savannah
Meg Halcomb	CEMA

Member Introductions

Members were asked to introduce themselves, their affiliation, and whether they were new to CMA.

The October 2, 2024 meeting minutes were approved (Tara Kelsey made the motion to approve; Jamie Credle seconded the motion).

Adam Cusick, Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer’s Monthly Report, including the ending balances of \$14,509.89 for the general fund and \$3,074.72 for the Kiah Fund. He encouraged members to apply for a Kiah Fund grant.

Kelly Zacovic, President, reviewed new business:

- The Reciprocal Admission cards were available at the meeting for pickup and she reviewed the guidelines for use.
- She announced that Lisa Denmark had to resign as Secretary and that Kristin Mickles had volunteered to serve. Kim Campbell made a motion to elect Kristin as Secretary, Glenda Anderson seconded the motion, and the membership approved her appointment.
- Kelly called for volunteers to assist Adam on the Audit Committee. They are looking for one CMA member and one non-CMA member. Those interested can email Kelly or Adam.
- Danielle Hodes provided an update on the work of the Attendance Working Group. She introduced the members of the group (Kristin Mickles and Danielle Christian) and discussed the survey they were developing. She asked everyone to start pulling their data to enter in the survey, including admission numbers, types of groups, marketing efforts, ticket prices, etc. for the period 2019-present. Anyone with ideas for additional questions on the survey or who wants to help can reach out to her. Staff from Visit Savannah discussed that they have numbers on visitors, as well as visitor feedback, that they can share. Danielle said once they have their survey data they would be reaching out to them to collaborate.

Kelsey Chandler, Vice President, introduced the speaker, Dylan Jones presenting on “Haunted History in the Hostess City. Jones is with History and Haints and studies Parapsychology, which includes the areas of ESP, Psychokinesis, and Survival Related events. He discussed haunted heritage, media and tourism, as well as case studies of haunted tourism in Savannah at three sites. He reviewed the pros and cons of ghost tourism and how sites might benefit from it. CMA sites interested in working with him on their programs can reach out via historyandhaints.com.

Member Announcements:

- Tybee Island Science Center: general invitation to visit and consider their facility for programs
- Santa at Tybee Island Light House, November 14
- Jamie Credle, Green-Meldrim House, announced programs on John Norris this weekend, in partnership with the Andrew Low House, including a walking tour and public lecture.
- Tara Kelsey, Massie Heritage Center, thanked CMA sites who are participating in the History on Wheels program and said if you are interested in participating in the 2025-2026 school year let her know.
- Tara Kelsey announced that the historic courtyard walls had been restored at Massie Heritage Center.
- LaPortia Mosley announced Georgia Historical Society is launching their new Community Archives Initiative and had internships available.
- Lucy Clarke, Georgia Historical Society, announced the upcoming kickoff of the Georgia History Festival with a lecture by Michael Thurmond on Oglethorpe.
- Danielle Christian, Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, announced they have 14 sites participating in the museum shop hop for Black Friday.
- Danielle Hodes, Davenport House, announced they would be doing a program on sustainable cocktails, as well as a holiday program with Patt Gunn focused on how the enslaved workers would have celebrated the holidays.
- The Shalom Y’All Food Festival will be November 17.
- Ebenezer suffered storm damage and they are holding a Christmas Tea to raise money to repair the buildings.
- Glenda Anderson announced the local GHRAC award winners, including Lisa Denmark, Paul Pressly, and Michael Thurmond.
- Visit Savannah staff said they maintain a bulletin board at the Visitor Center and CMA sites can send them announcements to post.
- Tania Sammons, Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, announced upcoming after-hours events related to the Sea of Ink exhibit and their upcoming Family Day.

Following announcements, Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting

What: CMA Business Meeting and Program

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2025, at noon

Where: Zoom (link to be sent via listserv)

Speaker: Molly Carrott Taylor, Ships of the Sea Museum

Topic: Outreach for elderly audiences