

League of Allied Arts

General Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Museum of African American Art
Macys at Baldwin Hill Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Hosted By: Carol Hall Holliday and Suzanne Simmons

Minutes

Attendees: Deborah Beavers Watford -President, Mabel Duncan -1st Vice President, Barbara Mason Taylor -2nd Vice President, Jean Davis Clements -Financial Secretary, Carol Hall Holliday-Parliamentarian, Patricia Gibson, Bernie Robinson, Suzanne Simmons, Janet Francis, Mary Ann Greene, Thomasina Ayers Pleasant, Dorothy Thornhill, Liz Miles, and Ellen Love-Contracted Recording Secretary

Absent: Karen McClain Roberson-Treasurer, Cheryl Horn-Member at Large, Renita Lorden-Corresponding Secretary, René Cooks, Lillaurie Dourousseau, Yvette LaVigne, Shirley Stark Wallace, Susan Anderson.

Meeting called to order by President, Debbi Beavers-Watford at 12:00 PM. Debbi thanked hostesses Carol Hall and Suzanne Simmons for picking a great meeting location. Member, Lillaurie Dourousseau's birthday was recognized. Carol gave an inspirational reading entitled: "Black Woman". Suzanne mentioned recently reading about Henrietta Lacks, an African American woman who died of cancer in the 50's. Her cells were the first human cells to be grown in a lab and were considered immortal. They were used to conduct many experiments one of which led to the cure of polio. Her cells continue to be used today for research into AIDS, cancer and many other scientific pursuits.

Executive Board Meeting – Debbi Beavers-Watford

70th Anniversary Gala -Susan Anderson spoke with Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas. He is very interested in sponsoring the 70th Anniversary Gala reception and 100 students. Debbi and Susan will meet with Mark to discuss. Mark mentioned to Susan that in these times, this kind of activity is ground breaking and he would love to be a part of it. This event will position the League in front of more people and will enhance the League's mission. Mark's involvement will develop a great relationship with the County of Los Angeles and David Geffen. Jan Francis suggested that all members send up prayers to aid this effort. Debbi said she will send an email to members. Carol recommended that League members attend the play "Through the Night", a one man production coming to the Geffen

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.Amended minutes from the January and February General Meetings were passed out.

Correspondence

The Corresponding Secretary, Renita Lorden resigned from her position. No one went to League mailbox this month.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer, Karen McClain Roberson was absent. No report was given. Carol mentioned that Debbi could view the bank statement on-line. Jan mentioned that recent checks had not been deposited. Debbi will make sure that all missing Treasurer reports (Jan., Feb & March) will be given at the April General meeting. There was a discussion about the importance of the Treasurer's Report and asking the Treasurer if she needed help. Mary Ann Greene offered to help with Treasurer's duties if needed.

Financial Report – Jean Clements

The Financial Report was passed out. A total of \$700 was collected and \$1032 was disbursed. Debbi moved and Carol seconded adopting the Financial Report.

Constitution and By-Laws (Final Reading) – Dorothy Thornhill

Revised sections of the Constitution and By-Laws were passed out and read. Debbi thanked the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in conjunction with the Membership Committee for all their hard work, attention to detail and for a job well done.

Archives – Debbi Beavers-Watford

Debbi stated that her aunt's home will serve as the storage site for all archive material collected. A letter will be sent to all League members and family of deceased members requesting all archival material be collected. She will arrange for material to be picked up from members. Mary Ann asked if duplicate material will be returned. Debbi will discuss with Susan Anderson.

Membership Report – Mary Ann Greene

Mary Ann thanked everyone for their positive feedback on the Evite meeting notice. She reminded hostess to send her their RSVP list so she can keep an accurate record of those who responded but did not attend and those who attend meetings. Mary Ann passed out invitations to the New Member's Tea, Sunday, March 21 at Debbi's aunt's home. She felt that League Alumna should be invited to attend the Tea to give brief overview of League history. All agreed.

Four new members were presented to be accepted into the League. They are Francine Battle, Wilma Willis, Bertha Hurd and Joan Thomas. Mary Ann moved and Patricia Gibson seconded accepting all new members. The addition of the new members brings the total League membership to 26.

Members were treated to a fabulous reading entitled "I'm Not Giving My Black Back", by Georgia Pettit. Georgia is a 7th grader who is interested in being an actress.

Carol mentioned that the Executive Director of the museum gave the League hostesses a special rate to have the meeting in the gallery. She thanked the museum staff for their help. Carol asked all members to visit the beautiful room in the back of the museum and to consider using the space for any of their events.

Patricia thanked all members for their donations to the Legacy Ladies' Sister to Sister project..

Debbi thanked Suzanne and Carol for hosting this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ellen Love, Contracted Recording Secretary

One cannot do right in one department of life whilst he is occupied in doing wrong in any other department. Life is one indivisible whole. -Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi