

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 quarterly meeting of the
WeGOJA Foundation Board of Directors
State Museum, Columbia, SC

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Larry Watson

In attendance: Vice Chairman Rick Devoe and members Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Meg Hunt, Marc Rapport, and Rev. Robert China. Also in attendance was John Hall, an organizational development facilitator who advised the Foundation on developing its strategic plan.

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the agenda.

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

- SC Arts Commission – The Foundation has completed its FY 22-23 project with the SC Arts Commission, hosting nine teachers on seven virtual sessions and three field studies to promote how African American history can be incorporated into everyday classroom instruction.
- Gullah Geechee Seafood Trail – The WeGOJA Foundation is responsible for the oral history portion of the National Marine Fisheries Services Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant titled *Promoting Gullah Geechee Maritime Cultural Heritage and Enhancing Economic Resilience through a Gullah Geechee Seafood Trail*, managed by the Gullah Geechee Chamber Foundation. To date, the Foundation has acquired 38 of its 40 required interviews. The oral history will supplement a Seafood Trail that not only promotes places along the coast to find seafood, but also the people who built a culture in the environment. The grant period ends September 30, 2023.
- Hard copy Green Book of South Carolina – the booksigning event hosted by Historic Columbia Foundation welcomed 75 people.
- Rosenwald Schools Study – The Foundation participated in Rosenwald Schools Day at the State House, where a House resolution was presented honoring Julius Rosenwald’s contributions to schools in the Southern rural landscape. In collaboration with the Conservation Voters of South Carolina, WeGOJA is expected to receive a \$300,000 legislative grant to make recommendations to the South Carolina State Park Service on how a trail can be developed and added to its inventory.
- Airbnb – The WeGOJA Foundation continues to manage an Airbnb Experiences program with Historic Mitchelville on Hilton Head Island. Several bookings are on the calendar.
- Mellon Foundation – The WeGOJA Foundation received a \$750,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to build its organizational capacity, establish a fundraising program for operational

sustainability, and to create a Preservation Toolkit to help property owners and others meet their preservation goals. The first steps will be to hire a Project Leader, Administrator and local ambassadors to set up listening sessions, and to enter into a contract with a tech team to build the toolkit. Executive Director Dawn Dawson-House recommends hiring public historian Kate Borchard Schoen as Project Leader and retired Lt. Col. Timika Wilson as Project Administrator.

BUDGET REPORT

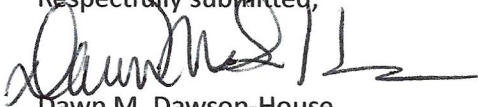
The Foundation's bank balance at the beginning of FY 2022-23 was \$40,191.67. After \$728,957.71 in revenue and \$152,154.07 in expenses, the ending balance on April 18, 2023, was \$616,995.31. See statement of activity at the end of this report (the statement covers transactions and net revenue, not the bank account's ending balance.)

Board members discussed changes to the Foundation's updated bylaws and scheduled a final review and vote at the July 25th quarterly meeting.

Board members reviewed a Strategic Plan produced by facilitator John Hall, and scheduled to vote and approve the plan at the July 25th meeting after the bylaws were finalized.

There being no further business of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Statement of Activity

July 1, 2022 - April 18, 2023

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4000 INCOME	
4001 Individuals/Unrestricted Donations	2,134.21
4002 Government Grants & Contributions	143,456.18
4003 Foundation Grants & Contributions	577,525.47
4005 Contracted Grants	750.00
4009 Earned Income	2,016.85
Total 4000 INCOME	725,882.71
4400 UCCRP	
440 Donations to UCCRP	3,075.00
Total 4400 UCCRP	3,075.00
Total Revenue	\$728,957.71
GROSS PROFIT	\$728,957.71
Expenditures	
5000 COMPENSATIONS & CONTRACTS	
5002 Contracted Individuals	101,486.36
5003 Stipends for oral histories and other projects	9,825.00
Total 5000 COMPENSATIONS & CONTRACTS	111,311.36
5100 CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
5102 Financial Management	3,939.42
5104 Other Consulting Services	4,750.00
5105 Legal & Other Professional Services	50.00
Total 5100 CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,739.42
6200 OPERATIONS	
6201 Office Supplies	993.23
6202 Program Expenses & Supplies	6,560.27
6203 Postage & Mailing	406.14
6204 Other Admin Expenses	1,757.51
6205 Promotions & Advertising	123.90
6206 Dues & Subscriptions	1,259.50
6208 Board Expenses	1,043.26
6209 Technology Supplies & Software	948.74
6210 Travel & Meals	3,975.97
6211 Awards & Grants to Others	4,010.00
6212 SBA Loan Payment	4,672.00
6213 Bank/Merchant Fees	19.85
Total 6200 OPERATIONS	25,770.37
6300 OTHER EXPENSES	
6301 UCCRP Expenses	1,832.92
Total 6300 OTHER EXPENSES	1,832.92

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July 1, 2022 - April 18, 2023

	TOTAL
Contract & professional fees	
Contractual employee	4,500.00
Total Contract & professional fees	4,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$152,154.07
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$576,803.64
NET REVENUE	\$576,803.64