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Quarterly Meeting of the Board

11:00 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2021

- In attendance: Jannie Harriot, Executive Director of the WeGOJA Foundation; Larry Watson, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation; Dawn Dawson-House, Vice Chairman of the Board, and members Rev. Robert China, Rick Devoe, Dalton Tresvant, Wallace Foxworth and Anita Dantzler. Guest: Dr. Jane Przybysz, Executive Director of the McKissick Museum - University of South Carolina
- Vice Chairman Dawson-House called the meeting to order at 11:07a.m. due to the Chairman's technical issues with Zoom.
- Dawn asked if everyone had read the minutes from November 4, 2020. Dawn asked for a motion to approve or if there were questions. Rev. China asked if the meeting listed in the minutes for a Foundation meeting on January 27, 2021 was still on. Jannie and Dawn explained that the Foundation meeting date was changed because the Commission meeting is next week and the Foundation needed to meet prior to discuss business and present that information at the upcoming Commission meeting. Devoe made a motion to approve the minutes. Rev. China seconded with that noted change in the minutes.
- Chairman Watson led the meeting from this point.
- The guest was introduced by Jannie and was given the opportunity to present her concerns about the Pearl Fryar Topiary Gardens. Mr. Fryar had a stroke and is no longer physically able to continue the upkeep. Dr. Przybysz found a grant with the Mellon Foundation and found that Brookgreen Gardens and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens are interested in managing the gardens. She asked if the WeGOJA Foundation could provide someone who would tell the story of Fryar's garden – possibly a historian. After further discussion, Jannie noted that many of the neighbors on the street where Mr. Fryar resides are not in favor of having the property, which is in a residential area, to be zoned commercial. Traffic concerns plague the small street now. Chairman Watson asked that this discussion continue with the board and at a later date return with a decision.
- Announcements: Commission member Michael Bedenbaugh lost his Father. Effective January 1, 2021 Dawn Dawson-House will become the Executive Director of the WeGOJA Foundation. Both Rick Devoe from the Sea Grant Consortium and Dawn Dawson-House from the SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism retired on December 31, 2020.

- Slate of officers were approved as presented by acclamation: Motion made by Dalton and seconded by Rev. China. WeGOJA Officers: Chairman Larry Watson, Vice-Chairman Rick Devoe, Secretary/Treasurer Anita Dantzler.
- Jannie made the Financial Report.
- Motion to amend the by-laws to combine the Secretary/Treasurer position. Motion made by Rev. China and seconded by Dalton. Motion made to add Secretary/Treasurer as a signer on the bank account. Rev. China made the motion and Dalton seconded.
- Devoe suggested a by-laws change. Devoe made a motion that on any document, we change the name of the foundation from SCAAHF to WeGOJA.
- Motion made to remove all other names from the Foundation bank account - Terry James, Alada Shinault-Smalls, Strauss Moore-Shiple, and add two line signatures for each written check that only the Executive Director and Secretary/Treasurer sign. Motion amended to include an email trail from the Executive Director and Secretary Treasurer on approval of expenditures.
- Each Foundation member is asked to donate \$250. This is an annual giving activity to take place January 1st - December 31st. The Secretary/Treasurer would send an email reminder to Foundation members each year on December 1st.
- Dawn reported: A \$25 - 50,000 Grant is in the works with North Carolina for a tour of extant Green Book sites within North Carolina and South Carolina. Dawn will have more information in a matter of weeks. A \$6,000 Contract with SCPRT to provide online stories for the U.S. Civil Rights Trail for South Carolina.
- The next quarterly meeting is tentatively set for 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 19, 2021.
- Motion was made by Rick Devoe to adjourn the meeting. Rev. China seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.