

**Minutes for the
WeGOJA Foundation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 2, 2022
Held virtually**

Present: Vice Chair Rick Devoe and board members Marc Rapport, Timika Wilson, Rev. Robert China, Pamela Bynoe Reed, Corey France. Joining a few minutes later was Chairman Larry Watson.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rick Devoe.

The bank balance for the first quarter of the FY, as reported by Executive Director Dawn Dawson-House, was \$30,195.58. Revenue for the quarter was \$24,508.22 mostly from government grants; and total expenses were \$34,504.31, mostly to cover compensation for professionals working on grant projects. A financial statement for the quarter is attached to the minutes.

WeGOJA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan balance is \$142,215.62. The foundation will begin to make \$600 monthly payments to SBA beginning in November. Clearing this debt is the foundation's fundraising priority.

Chairman Larry Watson gave a reflection on Dr. Barbara Jean Williams Jenkins, a founder of the SC African American Heritage Commission, whose research and archival leadership helped acquire hundreds of historical markers for African American sites around the state. Dr. Jenkins passed away October 27, 2022.

Rev. China made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Wilson and approved by unanimous vote.

Project Updates

- The SC Arts Commission grant project for FY 2021-22 ended with the development of the film Through Our Eyes. The film will be screened at several educators conferences this fall.
- The SC Arts Commission grant project for FY 2022-23 is underway after hiring Arts Educator Darion McCloud to lead sessions with college students who are studying to be teachers.
- The WeGOJA Foundation continues to acquire oral histories from Gullah Geechee who live on the coast for the Gullah Geechee Seafood Trail. That project ends September 30, 2023.
- The paperback Green Book of South Carolina is now available on Amazon and other stores. Book signings have been scheduled through the fall and winter.
- North Carolina's African American Heritage Commission continues to develop a toolkit for preservation of Green Book extant sites, and WeGOJA is representing South Carolina's portion.
- Conservation Voters of South Carolina has asked the WeGOJA Foundation to partner with them in developing a Rosenwald Schools trail.

New Business

- ED Dawson-House reported about a grant funding opportunity through the Mellon Foundation to build the foundation's organizational capacity and develop a preservation toolkit. WeGOJA

was recommended to Mellon from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

- WeGOJA will hold a retreat on Thursday, January 19, 2023 to dive deeper into its activities and planning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Watson.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dawn Dawson-House". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dawn Dawson-House
Executive Director

WeGOJA Foundation

Statement of Activity

July - September, 2022

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4000 INCOME	
4005 Individuals/Unrestricted Donations	978.22
4200 Government Grants	20,455.00
4400 Donations to UCCRP	3,075.00
Total 4000 INCOME	24,508.22
Total Revenue	\$24,508.22
GROSS PROFIT	\$24,508.22
Expenditures	
5000 COMPENSATIONS & CONTRACTS	
5002 Contracted Individuals	18,916.00
5003 Stipends for oral histories and other projects	2,275.00
Total 5000 COMPENSATIONS & CONTRACTS	21,191.00
5100 CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
5102 Financial Management	885.00
Total 5100 CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	885.00
6200 OPERATIONS	
6202 Program Expenses & Supplies	4,421.64
6203 Postage & Mailing	4.60
6204 Other Admin Expenses	450.04
6205 Promotions & Advertising	123.90
6206 Dues & Subscriptions	345.57
6209 Technology Supplies & Software	72.97
6210 Travel & Meals	1,166.67
6211 Awards & Grants to Others	4,010.00
Total 6200 OPERATIONS	10,595.39
6300 OTHER EXPENSES	
6301 UCCRP Expenses	1,832.92
Total 6300 OTHER EXPENSES	1,832.92
Total Expenditures	\$34,504.31
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -9,996.09
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