AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB OF HERNANDO COUNTY
General Meeting
Minutes
May 5, 2022

Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Thomas Hampton, President, at 2:07 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge was also led by Thomas Hampton.
Prayer - Prayer was led by Daisy Armwood.
Today in African American History - Adam Clayton Powell was the topic of this month's history review. A short biography was read by Stanley Neal
Health & Welfare / Birthdays and Anniversaries - Acknowledgments were given for birthday's (4) and anniversaries (1) and 1 new member (Wandez Folks) during the month of May. Members are requested to please notify Catherine Hampton at "**champton404@gmail.com**" or **352.403.5054 (home phone)** if you become aware of noteworthy issues concerning AAC members.
President's Report – "Day at the Races" - Thomas Hampton spoke on the success of the event, despite difficulties that arose at the last minute. The bus was unable to chauffeur riders, however, participants partnered up and carpooled to the Tampa Bay Downs (TBD) Racetrack. There were 32 participants despite the unexpected travel issue. In light of COVID protocols and staffing issues, the meal was buffet style this year. There was plenty of food for our group and the general public present in the Sky Lounge. Many stated they preferred the buffet meal rather than the typical plated meal, as had been done in previous visits. Most everyone observed that the food was better this year. This was mostly likely due to the fact that TBD has a new chef who hails from Texas, and is totally adept at cooking tasty food for the African American pallet. Service staff were also very friendly, very knowledgeable, pleasant and accommodating. Some participants won a little (or maybe a lot, but they're not telling) and some lost a little, or broke even. Overall, comments were favorable and participants thoroughly enjoyed the excursion, even those that returned home with their purses and pockets a little less full.
Treasurer's Report -There was no verbal Treasurer's Report due to absence of the Treasurer, however a copy of the Report for May 2022 was provided on the reverse side of the May meeting Agenda.
Guest Speaker (Beverly Brown) – The guest speaker had to cancel her appearance. The topic was going to be regarding the changes to "Voting Laws in the State of Florida". It is anticipated that the speaker will be able to share that information at a later date, possibly the June 2022 AAC meeting.
AAC Officer Nomination Results - The President received 4 ballets via postal mail. Those ballots were brought to the meeting unopened, and were opened during the meeting. All ballot nominations were read aloud, and then verbally tallied aloud.

- Wanda recused herself from nomination for Correspondence Secretary; and verbally nominated Yvonne Bondurant. Catherine Hampton also recused herself from nomination for Secretary. Yvonne Bondurant accepted nomination.
- Latanya (Ava) Owens recused herself from nomination for AAC Board member.

- There were no nominations for Secretary. The President (Thomas Hampton) asked Ava if she would accept nomination for AAC Secretary. Ava accepted.

- After the processes noted above, there was only one candidate for each of the available positions. Except for the newly nominated candidates who accepted, Yvonne Bondurant and Latanya AVA Owens, all other nominations were for incumbents in their respective positions.
- Because there was only 1 candidate for position, in keeping with generally accepted practices, the President asked members present whether to accept the nominations as written. All present were in favor of accepting the nominations as they stand.
- Per the by-laws, since there were no contested positions, the President asked the Vive-President to cast a vote for each candidate. The Vive-President cast her vote and the elections were accepted.
- **The list of the 2022/2023 AAC Officers appears below.**

AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB OF HERNANDO COUNTY
2022 / 2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

AAC OFFICERS		BOARD MEMBERS
President	Thomas Hampton	Stanley Neal
Vice President	Daisy	Juah Benson
Armwood		Leanna McNealy
Treasurer	Leslie Colyer Brown	Thomasenia Foster
Financial Secretary	Joan Moore	
Correspondence Secretary	Yvonne	
Bondurant		
Recording Secretary	LaTanya “Ava”	
Owens		

New Membership Drive – Discussion only!!
The President raised the issue of recruiting new members before the 2022/2023 membership year. There was much lively input and discussion concerning possible ways to market the African American Club of Hernando County to a broader audience. Some of the member input is as follows:

- Change the day of the week and/or time of day, or location for the general meeting; there was much debate and many pros and cons for every aspect under consideration. Several members will research these issues. No resolutions were made - only discussions leading to the required research needed.
- Rename (Party in the Park) and enhance the Meet and Greet event at the Anderson Snow Sports Complex (i.e., reduced membership fee for new member that sign up that day only; a designated table, personal greetings from officers and members, and other frivolities for non-members.

- Prepare a ¼, page or ½ page flyer/ "Save-the-Date" card, with which ANY members can strike up a conversation with a stranger while handling their daily business, wherever that may be (i.e., grocery store, doctor's office, bank, gas station, beach, bowling alley). You get the idea! Just say "Hello"…, introduce yourself…, invite them to join us…, and hand them the card/flyer! Voila!... So easy!…
- Advertisement on Radio stations and TV News stations as a Public Service Announcement (PSA).
- Members can make announcements at ministry meetings and services at their respective churches.
- Send letters to local African American churches in Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties.
- Mass mail campaign to Hernando County African American voters, if the AAC can obtain that information. Jerome will research the matter further.

Overall, there was great input, great discussion, and much work to do!

50/50
The 50/50 proceedings were conducted by Stanley Neal. Seventy eight ($78) was collected. The winner of the member's share was Yvonne Bondurant, who received $39.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Light refreshments, soft drinks, and water were available after the meeting.