Leisure World Association for African American Culture (LWAAAC)
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, Membership Meeting
Minute

President's Remarks……Sandy Henderson

Sandy opened by informing the members of a trip to the Obama Library in Chicago sponsored by Eyre Tours and Travel located in Clubhouse 1.The trip is scheduled for June 21-26, 2027. Contact Eyre at 410-442-6872. She also announced some of the Board activities that have occurred: the purchase of *Join IT,* a new membership management program, and the appointment of two new committee chairs: Marilynn Washington has accepted the position of chairperson for the Liaison and Amenities Committee and Sam Langevine is now Chair of our Public Relations Committee. Sandy then recognized our honorary lifetime members who are ninety plus years old.

Membership - Voting on By-Lawa

The membership was then asked to vote on the revised By-Laws that everyone had been given the opportunity to review. Sandy thanked the committee members; Patricia Means, Sharon Boone, Luis Alamar, and Marsha Bera-Morris for their diligent efforts in developing the revisions, and the membership for participating in the revisions. Voting was conducted by acclamation. Everyone raised their hands in approval with no one in opposition. **The motion** was approved for the acceptance of the revised By-Laws. .

Financial Report

Treasurer…….Judith Robinson

Judith presented the financial report for July 21st through August 31st 2026. We had a beginning balance of $24,644.74. Receipts totaled $2,025.00. Expenses totaled $3,464.87. We have a current balance of $23,204.87 of which $16,960.25 is in unrestricted funds and $6,244.62 in restricted funds. A written itemized report was provided. Judith shared that our two scholarship recipients have both received two thousand dollars that was sent to their respective schools.

<u>Standing committees and Interest Group Reports</u>

Lwaaac Trekkers...... ……Sandy Henderson

Sandy reported that the group is still actively walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays.The new time is 9:00 a.m., and they leave from Clubhouse 1. The group welcomes anyone who would like to come and join them.

Liaison & Amenities…….Marilynn Washington

Ameedah Rashid reported for Marilynn who is on vacation. Ameedah shared the loss of Larenzo Morris, husband of Marsha Bera-Morris, who passed away recently. Maxine Hooker is recovering from knee surgery, and Patricia Faggett is currently hospitalized. She asked that we keep our members in prayers. This committee is currently working on a template to help members in getting to know one another in their mutuals and will share this information at a later date. Ameedah encouraged everyone to contact the committee with member concerns so that the committee can reach out to them.

Membership……Sharon Boone
Sharon recognized the additional members on her committee this year: Patricia Means, Millie Overton, and the newest member, Violet Forrester. And in addition, Sharon thanked Luis Aloma, our Technology Chairperson who works with them in implementing the new membership database that the committee is now using. Sharon called attention to the flyer on the back of the agenda which is inviting members to the annual Fall Membership Event on October 7th. Registration is required. There will be music, appetizers, meet and greet, and a cash bar. Sharon then introduced new members who have joined our group since June. Each new member was presented with a gift bag from the committee.We now have 370 members on our roster with 181 current;y paid. She reminded members that membership dues are being collected.

Community Service,,,

The Janet Overton Sister Circle…… Deborah Rose.
In the absence of Deborah Rhodes, Sherry Weaver reported that the group meets the second Saturday of each month. They eat, talk, and promote fellowship among sisters/ friends.

Men's Fellowship…….. ……. Archie Colander
Archie shared that their group has also been on hiatus for the summer; however their regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month (other than the summer months). He is excited about the upcoming year and looks forward to working together in fellowship and fun.

Ogboni Harambee Drumming Circle &Percussion…….Jan Jones/Car Majors
Jan and Carl were not available.

Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated during the summer and September were recognized. This is always a fun time for our meetings.

Acknowledgment of special Awards:
Sandy shared that the board, at the last meeting, gave special recognition to Patricia Means for her tireless and dedicated work on the By-laws revision committee. Luis Alomar was recognized for his vision, creation, development, and ongoing maintenance and support of our website.

Open Forum:
Reverent Ramonia Lee shared that Interfaith Chapel will be offering a series of workshops for their Fall Educational Series. One course is titled *"A Short Practical Course in Ethics for Thoughtful Adults".* The other course is "Can We Talk About Race?", led by Dr. Beverly Mitchell. Another course is "*An Examination of Acts Chapters 1 and 2 and Genesis Chapter 10, in the context of Pentecost both then and now"*. The courses are taught by retired professors and are free for interested lifelong learners. Flyers were left at the table outside the door.

Sandy closed the meeting by asking us to remember our members who are having difficulties. Everyone was invited to join us in the Terrace Bistro if they would like to

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 pm

Janice Wallace / Recording Secretary