

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD

May 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie O'Bannon at 10:40 a.m. at the Colored Women's Club, 2316 S. Yakima, Tacoma, WA.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Ethel Craven-Sweet. In attendance were: Jackie O'Bannon, Ethel Craven-Sweet, Donella Penton and Keith Eubanks. Excused absences: Charles Waddell, Dianne Robinson, Clarence Slaughter and Reuben Amamilo. Dianne had requested and received a leave of absence until September 1996, and Reuben to July 1996. Others not in attendance: Sid Breckenridge, Lynda Edwards, James Bell III.

President Jackie said she would get the minutes of the April meeting out to Board members soon.

The problem of unexcused absences and not attending meetings was discussed. A letter will be sent to members who have missed several meetings asking if they are still interested in being on the Board. A response is due by May 25, 1996.

It was discussed and the consensus of opinion that we should return the date of our meeting back to the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., as more Board members showed up on Thursdays than Saturdays.

Clarence Slaughter, Lynda Edwards, Charles Waddell and President Jackie are working on the 1996 budget.

President Jackie submitted a grant request to the City of Tacoma for \$5000 for the Generals Exhibit in November. The City will be holding an Application Review Process and Meeting on May 21, 1996, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., First Floor Conference Room, Tacoma Municipal Building. All Board members who can, please attend. Jackie also submitted a grant for \$10,000 to McDonald's Children's Charities for the Judicial Review Exhibit.

President Jackie presented receipts for the following expenses: \$10.68 copying photos; \$7.80 for material to make a wood panel to cover electrical box at our exhibit in Bremerton; and \$22.30 for photographs for our exhibits. Ethel paid \$25 partial dues Friday, May 3rd; out of this amount came the \$10.68 and \$7.80, leaving a balance of \$6. Jackie is owed \$22.30.

She reported that we owe \$40 for post office box rental, and \$91 to Cheney Cowle Museum in Spokane for photocopies for the Military Exhibit. We have \$9.90 in the bank. Keith Eubanks paid \$25 on his dues today so Jackie will deposit \$31 in the bank. This will go on the post office box rental.