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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

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President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Greetings MBU Family,

Hope all is well with you and yours and I hope that bridge is flourishing in your daily lives. We have reason to be very optimistic about returning to our pre-pandemic schedule of social activities which include in person bridge games.

Your Executive Committee will be discussing when and how the MBU should proceed during the next few months regarding returning to the bridge tables. Members will receive feedback through club presidents as guidelines are developed and decisions made among our clubs.

Thank you to all who have been supporting the Bridge Home both by individual donations and by playing in our Wednesday BBO Benefit Game. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Willie Fuchs has begun bridge lessons on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am via Zoom which are attended by approximately 25 people regularly. Kudos to Willie not only for his efforts, but for his generosity in asking that in lieu of payment for his twice weekly lessons, donations be directed to the Bridge Home.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Please mark that date on your calendars and watch for more information about this meeting in your email.

Hoping to see you soon,



*MBU on BBO
Tuesdays at 2 pm*

Zooming

By Dolores Watson

Winter has zoomed by and the heat of summer is here for you to enjoy any way you can. We have bravely endured the uncertainties and mandated changes to our lifestyles in the last 16 months and to feel optimistic is good.

Bridge requires practice and reinforcement of what you know and the realization there is more to know to be a better bridge player before you are a master. Those who participate in Zoom bridge classes with instructor Willie Fuchs can admit some of us are learning some new "stuff." For instance, Lavinthal discard signals or counting your cards and the opponents' cards is an exercise in mental gymnastics with numbers. It will take much practice to develop this skill which is a definite advantage.

Willie Fuchs has this to share: "I hope that I am providing the materials students require to improve their game. I would like to emphasize the need to practice, study and most of all, ask questions when you are not achieving good scores. Reviewing with partner is extremely important and must become part of the development process in all partnerships. Partnership agreement must become a daily practice to achieve success." Bridge classes are held Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am on Zoom. Contact metropolitianbridgeunit@aol.com for instructions on joining the class.

In April, the MBU held its second General Membership Meeting on Zoom and on June 10 the Eastern Section held its General Membership Meeting. The ABA's General Membership Meeting scheduled for June 16 was cancelled due to the death of ABA President Harold Bickham's wife.

In brief, ABA's membership is down and, unfortunately, unpaid dues contributed to the decline. The ABA has formed a committee to establish guidelines for reopening clubs. Several suggestions made are that members sign a waiver not to sue the ABA if they contract Covid, vaccinations be verified, and masks worn.

The term of office for incumbent MBU officers has been extended by one year to December 31, 2022 and the MBU Elections Committee has been disbanded. The Eastern Section Nominating Committee is in place to accept nominations for the 2023-2024 term of office (contact Barbara Wingate at bannwin@aol.com if interested).



Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

Greetings, Family!

Summer is here and we can finally get outside and enjoy. It won't be long before we can be together again. Until then, we wish all of you a relaxed mind, a peaceful soul, a joyful spirit and a heart full of love.

Wishing our faithful members, Phyllis Jones and Rudy Cummings, continued healing.

Sincere condolences to all who have lost loved ones during this very trying time.

Stay safe! ♥♥

Brooklynites DBC

By Jane Atlas

We were saddened to learn of the passing of member Betty Mitchell. We will certainly miss her very pleasant demeanor and her pots of delicious collard greens prepared for our big games.

Brooklynites continue to grow. Four more bridge students in President Lois Francis' class have become ABA members and requested to join our club. Another student joined as an associate member. Since April of 2020, President Francis has taught without charge 50 students residing in 11 different U.S. states. They have all received convention cards in plastic holders and Audrey Grant Book I, II, and III certificates from an ABA certified teacher. Eight new Brooklynites have received a copy of our current Bylaws.

We are eagerly anticipating seeing everyone at the bridge table. Possibly as soon as next month.

Co-op City DBC

By Lorelei Blackman

The wonderful Co-op City Duplicate Bridge Club sends greetings and salutations to all of our friends and family in the bridge world. Although this summer may be a "hot one," we're doing our best to look forward to it being as pleasurable as possible. Remember to stay hydrated, inside and out, by drinking plenty of fresh water and freely using sun screen.

Please send loving thoughts and prayers to our Queenie May as she remembers her loving husband, James. Queenie you are such a very dear friend to us all, and we hold you closely in our

hearts. Another bridge player we love is our own Genesis Washington. Genesis has been in and out of the hospital and is recuperating. Genesis we want you to know you are also in our thoughts and prayers.

We're patiently waiting for the "pandemic all clear" sign and the moment we can feel comfortable about safely getting back to our normal actions and join you all at the bridge table once again. Remember to continue to follow the guidelines, wash your hands as often as possible, cover your mouth when you cough and just use common sense when you are with groups of folks. It has been an experience but fortunately one we've survived thus far.

Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

Well, things are finally beginning to open up again, although there are still precautions to take. As the days and weeks tick by, we are anxious to get back to more "normalcy," and some of us are impatient for in-person bridge to resume. Exactly how this will look, and when it will be, is still an open question.

We extend birthday greetings to all those born in July: Lois Wright and Annetta Wallace; August: Fitz Fraser, Patricia Jackson, Paula Joseph, Edna Moses and Ronald Prester; and September: Philippe Gerdes.

Hopefully, we will soon have definitive news of things restarting, maybe in the fall. In the meantime, take care and be safe.

Jet Setter DBC

By Beverly Sessions-Kelly

Warm greetings from the Jet Setters. I hope everyone is doing well. We say goodbye to spring, and we welcome in summer. I hope your summer is filled with fun things to do. Some of us play on BBO but we should also get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

The city is coming alive and many places are reopening. Just remember to be safe.

Leisure DBC

By Yvonne Allen

Greetings to all members of the duplicate bridge community of greater New York. Leisure Bridge Club is "in the house."



It's been a long, hard and lonely year. The pandemic has altered all our lives forever. But now the light seems to be glowing and shining on us again.

Our club has lost some of our finest, dedicated members, family members and friends all of whom will always be in our hearts. But with God's grace and blessings we are ready to move forward and make our way back to the bridge tables.

The New York City senior centers are poised to open soon. The Leisure Bridge Club is ready to join with our compadres at the bridge tables.

Be safe and be well.

DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

DBCMV Scholarship Chair Dr. Gloria Hobbs and her team are vetting candidates from three Mount Vernon High Schools--Mount Vernon High School/Sundown, Denzel Washington School of the Arts and Mount Vernon STEAM Academy. Since we were unable to fund the program with a scholarship game due to the pandemic, we appealed to our members for donations, and they came through with "flying colors." Award recipients will be announced at our club's next quarterly membership meeting.

On April 13, the MBU launched The Big Apple MBU Virtual Club on BBO. An opportunity to play with friends in our unit, Eastern Section members are also eligible to join upon request. We thank our members for participating in the MBU Big Apple games as well as Wednesday's game benefiting the Community Bridge Home. The organization needs our support and DBCMV can be counted on to be "in the house."

We were saddened to learn of the death of [Marian "Marilyn" Guishard](#), a former long-time member of DBCMV. An avid bridge player, Marilyn was fiercely independent and relocated to Florida several years ago. Those who knew her will remember her resilience and capacity to optimistically approach whatever life might have in store.

President Charles Guest continues to work with officials at Mount Vernon City Hall to finalize arrangements for playing at the Doles Center when club games resume. Senior centers in our area are beginning to re-open so we anticipate we can consider doing likewise in the upcoming months as we await recommendations from ABA leadership.



Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Springfield DBC hopes that our bridge family will enjoy a safe and relaxing summer with family and friends. That means, encourage vaccinations where possible and do everything to keep healthy as we look forward to having face-to-face meetings in the near future.

Mary Luter, your big day is fast approaching, August 27. Happy birthday and we hope that day will be one to remember. Do something just for you! On September 25, family and friends will thank God for their matriarch, Evelyn Smallwood. Happy birthday, Evelyn.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings fellow bridge players. It seems we are approaching the light at the end of the tunnel, and I am indeed glad to see it.

Triangle has some belated birthday wishes to our treasurer, Annie Nelson, whose day was June 12 and our Grand Master and club director, Julius Fields, on June 27. In the month of August just me, Bernice, on the 24th. On September 4 our president, Gwen Leverett, and Barbara Jennings on September 7.

The centers are opening in phases and by the next newsletter information for us will be more complete. Triangle has been truly fortunate as we have not had a death due to this terrible outbreak. Numerous Triangle members are taking advantage of the classes Willie Fuchs is giving. I know for a fact he is an excellent instructor.

Well, that's all for now and I am looking forward to the camaraderie that comes with in-person play. Until next time, have a wonderful summer.

Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Once again, we are mourning the death of a member—Cynthia Stroy. We would like to thank everyone that attended the funeral.

Good news! Our senior citizen center is opening on June 15 and we will plan to begin playing soon. We hope that you will join us there.

The following members will celebrate their birthdays. In July, Pearl Bostic, and during September, Gloria Johnson and Mercedes Mann.



Summer is here so get out of the house and enjoy the warm weather.

Please keep Mercedes Mann and Betty Sherrill in your prayers that they may have a speedy recovery.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Hello bridge family! Spring has sprung and we can see the blooms of summer. We are blessed to see that the remnants of Covid will soon be behind us (hallelujah!!!). I'm hoping that we can get back to the bridge table in person sooner, rather than later.

A few of our club members have been attending Willie Fuchs' Zoom bridge classes on Mondays and Fridays. While in some instances it's a little advanced, it gets you to thinking and piques your curiosity to learn more. I think it is wonderful that the MBU has established this educational weekly class to help us improve our game. I highly recommend it.

The Westbury Duplicate Bridge club wishes you a fun-filled, healthy, and safe summer. Please keep Wilma Alexander, Ted Conliffe, and Mayer Wiesen in your prayers.

Get Well Wishes

Astro

Julia Rinehardt

Bayview

Rudy Cummings
Phyllis Jones

Co-op City

Genesis Washington



Twilight

Mercedes Mann
Betty Sherrill

Westbury

Wilma Alexander
Ted Conliffe
Mayer Wiesen



JULY

BAYVIEW

Valerie Brooks
Rudy Cummings
Phyllis Jones

BROOKLYNITES

Mildred Adams
Donna Harris-Bowman
Aquilla Middleton
Bettye Peppers
CO-OP CITY
Vivian Edwards
Carlyn Jones
Estelle Richmond
Dorothy Smith

COSMO

Annetta Wallace
Lois Wright

JET SETTER

Marjorie Davis
MOUNT VERNON
Leonard Hawthorne
Nathalie McFarlane
Gladys Smith
TWILIGHT
Pearl Bostic
WESTBURY
Denise Thompson

AUGUST

BROOKLYNITES

Norma Holder
Consuelo Tomlinson
CO-OP CITY
William Fairley
COSMO
Fitz Fraser
Patricia Jackson
Paula Joseph
Edna Moses
Ronald Prester

JET SETTER

Thomas Daly
MOUNT VERNON
Alfred Knight
Viola Porter
SPRINGFIELD
Mary Luter
TRIANGLE
Bernice Williams

SEPTEMBER

BROOKLYNITES

Andrea Flateau
Lois Francis
Dianne Lawrence
CO-OP CITY
Jannie Smith
COSMO
Philippe Gerdes
JET SETTER
Devora Sconiers
MOUNT VERNON
Lorraine Hinds

SPRINGFIELD

Evelyn Smallwood
TRIANGLE
Barbara Jennings
Gwendolyn Leverett
TWILIGHT
Gloria Johnson
Mercedes Mann
WESTBURY
Patricia Binyard
Alverna Lewis

Condolences

Brooklynites

Family of Betty Mitchell

Co-op City

Queenie May, on the loss of her husband

Mount Vernon

Family of Naomi Jones

Twilight

Family of Cynthia Stroy





Volunteer at Your Club! Work on a Committee! Run for Office!

- ◆ Support the continuity of the American Bridge Association which was founded in 1932.
- ◆ Have a voice in the operation of the association.
- ◆ Use your skills and talents to help others and for personal satisfaction.
- ◆ Achieve satisfaction from working on a team towards a shared goal.
- ◆ For the “love of the game.”
- ◆ Enjoy social aspects of working on a team.
- ◆ Gain a natural sense of accomplishment through helping others.
- ◆ Develop a new support system through those you meet volunteering.
- ◆ Increase your self-esteem and self-confidence.
- ◆ Achieve a new or strengthened sense of purpose.
- ◆ Become the teacher/leader/mentor you never knew you were.
- ◆ Receive recognition by others for your contributions to the association.

AFRICAN PROVERB

“If you think you’re too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent a night with a mosquito.”



EASTERN SECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Barbara Wingate from the MBU’s Westbury Duplicate Bridge Club has agreed to serve as Nominating Committee Chair for the Eastern Section’s 2023-24 election of officers. The committee is accepting nominations for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer by email to Barbara at bannwin@aol.com until February 28, 2022. All nominees must be members in good standing. For details on the responsibilities and duties of officers and the election process, please refer to the [ABA Eastern Section Bylaws](#).



By Ruth M. Shuler

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to say to everyone as we approach the 16th month of this “pandemic upheaval,” we thank you and we greatly appreciate your continued support. Your involvement has been, and still is, very important and very much needed during these extraordinary times.

We extend a “special thank you” to all Community Bridge Home members who have already sent in their \$50 yearly dues and donations for 2021 and to all bridge players who have sent donations via mail and via Zelle, which has helped keep the Community Bridge Home afloat.

In addition, thank you to all bridge players who are participating in the weekly ABA/BBO online game on Wednesdays at 11 am and the Zoom bridge classes on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am, both benefiting the Community Bridge Home. What a continued blessing you are.

Thanks to everyone. Be blessed, stay safe and we hope to see you at the bridge table soon.



Pay Attention to Vulnerability

By Lynn Berg

Recently, I was asked by a player in an online game, "Why did we get 600 for 3NT on Board 4 and only 400 for 3NT on Board 9?" This player apparently had no idea about how our game is scored. He didn't realize that the vulnerability changes from board to board. You should note vulnerability on every hand because who is, or is not, vulnerable may be an important consideration as you decide how to bid.

If you look at a scoresheet on the back of a convention card or a set of numbered duplicate boards, you'll see that vulnerability changes. No one on board 1, dealing side on boards 2 and 3, both on board 4. The pattern is a little different in each group of four through 16, and then it starts over: 17 is like 1, 18 like 2, and so on.

Make noting your vulnerability status part of your hand evaluation routine. You'll be surprised how essential it can be to making a good decision.

Consider this scenario. They are vulnerable and you are not. You hold:

♠ 9 8 ♥ A Q J 9 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 7 5 3 2

Your partner opens 1♠ and your RHO bids 2♥, which passes back to partner, who reopens with a double.

	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	?

You (wisely) didn't choose to bid 2NT over 2♥ because you have only 9 HCP. Now your choices are 2♠, 2NT and Pass. Here's how your reasoning might go:

1. Unless partner has extras, your side doesn't have game.
2. You don't have a good spade fit and your heart honors are wasted values in a suit contract when partner has at most two hearts. You really don't want to bid that sorry club suit, either.
3. You didn't suddenly find another queen, so 2NT still isn't a good idea.
4. On this vulnerability, even if 2♥ is only down one, plus 200 is a better score than you are likely to take any other way. Even if your hand were better, the vulnerability suggests that defending should be much more profitable.

But what if the vulnerability were equal (both "red" or "white") or unfavorable (you are, they aren't)?

♠ 9 8 ♥ A Q J 9 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K 5 3 2

Now you surely have the values for 3NT, which will be worth 600 since you are vulnerable. If they are not vulnerable, you must defeat the heart

The Director's Corner

Visit the Metropolitan Bridge Unit website www.mbuinc.org to read articles published in past issues of *The Consumer*.

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contract four tricks to get more than your game is worth. Do you think that is likely?

Unless you are cognizant of the significance of vulnerability and also what the penalties are for doubling, how can you make a rational decision? These same considerations arise when you are deciding whether to continue in any competitive auction when you might be doubled rather than pushing the opponents higher.

- ◆ Equal vulnerability, you can afford to go down two before you lose more than their game is worth: 300 vs. 400, or 500 vs. 600.
- ◆ Favorable vulnerability (they are, you aren't), you can afford to go down three: 500 vs. 600.
- ◆ Unfavorable vulnerability (you are, they aren't), you can only afford to go down one: 200 vs. 420 is okay, 500 vs. 420 is disaster!

Vulnerability is also a consideration when thinking of preempting because of the prospect of being doubled. Vulnerable, preempt if you think it unlikely you'll be down more than two. Down three may be okay if you are not vulnerable. And you always need to consider the status of the opponents, too.



A Special Thank You from Dr. Gloria L. Hobbs: “Thank You for Your Sympathy”. Dear Bridge Friends: “On behalf of my family and me, I would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother, Horace A Lindsay, Jr.....Your messages and other forms of condolences were very comforting and greatly appreciated. They have helped so much during this time. And, may he rest in peace.”

A Special Thank You from Charles Guest: “Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your blessings on the loss of my cousin Keith, are much appreciated.”

Thank You Card from The Guest Family: “Your kind expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank You. Ms. Beatrice Guest”

Thank You Card from Kathryn C. Boxill: Angels are not only in heaven. They also walk among us here on earth. Forever grateful for your grace, comforting heart, and generous spirit. With Gratitude. “Thank You Ms. Straker & All MBU Members. It was a true blessing when my Dad, Enric Boxill, discovered Bridge and fell in love with the game. And, I’m sure he appreciated, and was grateful for all of the friendships made.....Thank you for the generous gift..... Wishing all Peace, Love and, an abundance of continued Blessings. With Love & Gratitude, Kathryn C. Boxill and Family.”

A Special Message from The Metropolitan Bridge Unit

“Wishing You a Year filled with Peace, Love and Joy”





Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2021 Grand Final Slammers



Cynthia Stroy (April) Twilight

The membership was informed that Naomi Jones passed.

Club presidents were reminded to forward good and welfare information to Lois Wright as soon as possible.

Invocation

Minutes – Minutes of the January 23, 2021 annual membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (White/Thompson): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence

Letter from abaECF, INC. acknowledging receipt of \$500 from ABA for UNCF.

Letter from abaECF, INC. acknowledging receipt of \$500 for Alzheimer's Fund.

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

MBU signed a contract for 2022 AAA (12/4/22-12/8/22). Must cancel by 12/2021 to avoid penalty.

Gwen Leverett volunteered to chair the Elections Committee.

Next MBU Quarterly meeting is 7/17/21.

MBU BBO Big Apple Game

1. Gladys Smith, Marion Mercer, and John Demos will be directors.
2. If you need a partner, contact your club president.
3. Profit from this game will go toward a "Welcome Back to the Table" MBU game.
4. Contact Lynda Straker at 516-610-7601 with your ABA#, BBO name, and club name if you want to register to play in this game.



Financial Secretary's Report – Presented by Raye Liverpool

January 1 – March 31, 2021

Income	
Annual Dues	1,750.00
Entertainment Tax	
Good & Welfare	240.00
Herman Huff	
Chase Bank Fee	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	305.06
MBU BBO Games	
Total	2,295.06
	2020 Income Received
Entertainment Tax	
Good & Welfare	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	662.69
Total	662.69
Total Funds Received	\$2,957.75

Expenses	
Scrip	
Consumer	228.27
Bridge Home	
Bank Fees	4.00
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	680.84
Stipend	1,250.00
Web Fees	145.36
Zoom Fees	80.00
Spring National Raffles	
Spring National Ad	
Sanctions	
MBU Charter	50.00
Bridge Home Shed Rental	210.00
Longest Day Donation-ABA	500.00
UNCF Donation-ABA	500.00
Sickle Donation-ABA	500.00
Total	4,148.47
	2020 Expenses Paid
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	286.91
Sanction	
Scrip Purchase	
ABAecf (UNCF proceeds)	
AAA	
Total	\$286.91
Total Expenses	\$4,435.38
Net Income/Loss	<u>-\$1,477.63</u>

Notes:

Scrip on hand: \$656

ABA check to Bridge Home in March was short \$7.05



Treasurer's Report – Presented by Sharon Fox

January 1 - March 31, 2021

Checking Account		
Opening Balance		\$16,211.24
	Deposits	\$2,960.75
	Total	\$19,171.99
**Checks/fees paid		\$4,148.38
Closing Balance		\$15,023.61

****Checks paid/misc. expenses**

\$850.00	mbu stipends
\$50.00	mbu charter fee to ABA
\$40.00	zoom fee
\$150.00	memoriums
\$210.00	CBH shed rental fee
\$228.27	march consumer
\$145.36	web fees
\$4.00	annual stop fee
	Longest Day donation to
\$500.00	ABA
\$500.00	UNCF donation to ABA
\$500.00	Sickle Cell Donation
	Bridge Home proceeds
\$970.75	from BBO
\$4,148.38	TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted
 Sharon Fox

Entertainment Tax – None.



Point Coordinator Report – Lois Wright

Points have been submitted for January through March 2021.

If the club point coordinator has any questions, please feel free to contact Lois at Ladytul2@netzero.net.

Sectional Representative Report - none.

Property – none.

Constitution - none.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks

No applicants for 2020.

Application for 2021 is on the website and the deadline is 07/15/2021.

Donations are always welcome.

Tournament Report – None.

Consumer Report – Presented by Rita Thompson

The April issue was emailed several weeks ago and is also posted on the MBU website. I hope you had a chance to read it. This issue had updates or news from nearly all clubs, an interesting historical piece featuring Jet Setter's Lemuel Copeland, a reprint from the ACBL Bulletin, and the minutes from the 1/23/2021 membership meeting. Remember, there is an archive of several years of past issues on the MBU website.

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Thank you to our reporters and the editing team.

Hospitality Report – None.

Website/Facebook – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Jean DeVeaux asked what kind of outreach can we do to bring back members that did not join in 2021? It was suggested that we can approach getting people more involved by offering online activities like review of games or lessons.

Another member asked if we could excuse dues like other sections/units? Our section/unit does not think that is a viable solution and not all sections/units are equal. We are investing in our future.

Does the MBU BBO Big Apple game have to be 18 boards? No, but the price will remain \$3.

Announcements

Bridge Home thanks everyone for their donations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary



Metropolitan Bridge Unit Emergency Membership Meeting June 19, 2021

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and welcomed everyone to our ZOOM virtual meeting.

Roll Call –Present: Lynda Straker, Jean DeVeaux, Janice McBean, Sharon Fox, Raye Liverpool, Lois Wright, Diane Edgerton-Norman and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Cosmo, Jet Setter, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury. Thirty-two Zoom sign-ons.

The membership was informed only two items would be discussed.

MBU BBO Big Apple Game – six tables are mandatory and attendance has been disappointing. After discussion, it was decided the game would be more appealing to our membership if boards were decreased to 12 instead of 18. Time for each board will remain 7 minutes. Price will remain \$3.

JUNETEENTH

June 19 is now officially **Juneteenth National Independence Day**, a US federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It commemorates June 19, 1865--the day that Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told slaves of their emancipation. That day came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Even after Lincoln declared all enslaved people free, that hadn't necessarily been the case in practice. Juneteenth is the first holiday to be approved since Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which was established in 1983.

The Executive Board recommends, due to the continuing pandemic, the current terms of the MBU officers expiring in 2021 be extended to 2022. The following MOTION was made and a second was secured: Due to the continuing pandemic, we extend the term of office for incumbent MBU officers expiring in December 2021 to December 2022.

Q: Will subsequent terms be for two years?

A: Yes.

The motion passed with 97% approval. The current Elections Committee is disbanded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM. Next quarterly membership meeting is 7/21/21 at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice McBean, MBU Secretary





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