

FCAVBR Annual Meeting

September 20, 2022, 7:15 p.m.

After some difficulties with the Zoom connection, the meeting started, with 12 participants.

Dr. Phil Olsen introduced Dr. Kami Fletcher, Professor of History at Albright College, Reading, PA, who spoke on the Mourning and Funeral Practices of Black Americans. An interesting topic of the address was the use of T-shirts as “walking memorials” of the departed. These can be personal, or political, or both. Dr. Fletcher also showed slides of dancing pallbearers in Ghana and other unusual funeral practices.

After a question- an-answer period, FCABVR President Sandy Schlaudecker gave a short summary of recent service and activities.

She thanked the Nominating Committee for its work and announced their choices for new Board members: Inga Sollberg, Cynthia Luke, and Jo Burroughs. The nominees were confirmed by unanimous vote of the participants, and the meeting was adjourned.

In a meeting of the Board immediately after the Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected:

President—Dianne Rencsok
Vice-President—Phil Olson
Secretary—Linda Plaut
Treasurer—Inga Solberg

The new Board gives hearty thanks to Sandy Schlaudecker and departing members Helen Renqvist and Leanne Mitchell.

—Linda Plaut, Secretary