The Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, Inc.,

Annual Affiliate Report for 2021

The Officers and Members of CABS greet you in the spirit of our ancestors, NABS co-founders, Queen Mother Mary Carter Smith and Queen Mother Linda Goss. Thank you to NABS President, Kwanza Brewer and NABS Board of Directors for your support.

**January 2021**

CABS members collectively read and virtually discussed the book "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis. Storyteller Cassie Adams led CABS book discussion.

**February 2021**

CABS Executive Board voted to change monthly in-person membership meetings to virtual bi-monthly meetings due to the pandemic.

**April 2021**

CABS Zoom Tech Training was led by teaching artist, Sheila Arnold designed to assist CABS Storytellers to navigate and utilize Zoom for virtual meetings and storytelling.

**June 2021**

CABS Storytellers Oluremi Oliver, Judy Bateman and Michele Rudolph performed Juneteenth Program for Euclid Public Library. The program was live streamed.

CABS Storytellers Jackki Boyd, Beverly Lloyd, Donna Willingham and Michele Rudolph participated in University Circle YAY Saturdays Program, June 12th-July 17th, for youth and families in the storytelling tent. Storytelling will be one of several activities focused on Literacy.

**October 2021**

CABS Black Lives Matter: Seize the Time Video Presentation. CABS was awarded a grant to create a virtual presentation of storytellers, musicians, spoken word artists and dancers depicting the historical and present day challenges and injustices Black People continue to face. There was a pre and post panel discussion consisting of community leaders, elders, artists and youth discussing on “How to Heal Our Community”. CABS Storytellers Kwanza Brewer and Beverly Lloyd were the Project Managers for this event.

CABS members Judy Bateman, Kwanza Brewer and Beverly Lloyd performed virtually at the 2021 Great Lakes African American Writers Conference

Respectfully Submitted,

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