

2013 Ways and Means Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9am, November 16, 2013

Chapter Representatives:

Baltimore, MD/ North Carolina: Cousins Ken & Angela Shaw

Detroit, MI : Cousins Elsie Bowden and Courtnie Wilson

Pittsburg: Cousins John & Bunny Jackson

Washington, D.C. : Cousins Charles Hawkins, Shirley Hawkins, Cherrie Hawkins, Cousin Sheila Hawkins and Cory Hawkins

Welcome

The group opened with prayer followed by a special thanks to our meeting hosts Cousins Charles and Shirley Hawkins for opening their home and hospitality in the preparations of this meeting.

Agenda Review by National Vice Chairman, Cherrie Hawkins

Cousin Cherrie reviewed the agenda and rules of order. There being no further discussion or additions to the agenda, a motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda without alterations.

Remarks by National Chairman, Ken Shaw

Cousin Ken reviewed the current strategic plan citing both successes and challenges within the organization. He is preparing a "State of the Reunion" report to be shared at the annual reunion. Our greatest obstacle right now is new family members to continue the organization.

Approval of 2012 ways and Means Committee Minutes

After remarks, the meeting opened up to discussion on the previous minutes of the Ways and Means Committee. A motion was made and approved that the members in attendance constituted a quorum of regularly attending delegates. The 2012 minutes being submitted and read; and there being a quorum present, a motion was made that the 2012 minutes be approved by those attending the meeting

Committee Reports/Updates

National Financial Report / 2013 Winston Salem Reunion Closing Report

National beginning balance: **\$1860.51**

Date	Vendor	Description	Cousins' Income	Total Charge	Notes
	Marriott	Deposit for hotel	0.00	0.00	
	Hospitality room	Room rental	0.00	\$134.17	1 night + tax
	Hospitality room	Snacks, beverages	0.00	75.84	Trail mix, water, beer, wine
6/28	Banquet (53) (BH Baines Ballroom)	(46 adults/2 youth-5 children) 46 x \$50 = \$2300 2 x \$35 = \$70 5 x \$25 = \$125	\$2495.00	\$1758.17	
6/28	Banquet	Microphone	0.00	45.58	
6/28	Banquet	Banner	0.00	30.00	
6/28	Banquet	Guest Speaker	\$100.00	100.00	Donated book \$\$ back to Nat'l
6/29	Picnic (47) (Tanglewood Park)	(40 adults/2 youth-5 children) 40 x \$25 = \$1000 2 x \$25 = \$50 5 x \$15 = \$75	\$1125.00	720.16	Food & picnic items
6/29	Picnic	Shelter rental	0.00	225.00	
6/29	Picnic	Food preparer	0.00	\$125.00	
6/29	Youth outing (12) (Airbound)	Trampoline Park	\$192.00	242.00	\$16 pp + snacks, beverages
6/30	Prayer Breakfast (36) (Knollwood B)	(30 Adults/2 youth-4 children) 30 x 25 = 750 2 x \$25 = \$50 4 x \$15 = \$60	860.00	890.81	
Misc.	DJ (Born to DJ)	Dinner dance/Picnic	0.00	475.00	
	Booklet	Including 4 ads	300.00	255.00	
	AC Moore	Bags, candles, lighters, book	0.00	\$40.00	
TOTAL			\$5072.00	\$5116.73	

Nat'l paid \$44.73 towards reunion

Ending balance: **\$1815.78**

There being no further discussion concerning the financial report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report without alterations.

2013 Scholarship Update / Scholarship Funds Discussion

Current Scholarship Balance is

6 month CD @ .20% \$7,000.00

Scholarship Fund Balance on hand \$1,536.46

Total Assets \$8,536.46

There is \$1536.46 in excess as the last three years there were no scholarship recipients

There was discussion on the use of the scholarship funds to assist the organization. The key points are as follows:

- Cousin Elsie stated that she would like to put on the record that we should not forget that the scholarship money was the result of a lawsuit and is being managed in Detroit because that is where the incident occurred. She asked that the executive committee consider using the funds to support the program as the organization sees fit. Currently it is just sitting in the account as we discuss the need for funds. She also stated that there may need to be a review of access to those funds as both she and Cousin Otheneil are getting older.
- Cousin Elsie will work with Cousin Otheneil to determine if there are other options for the CD and what we may need to do to ensure continued access in the event of emergencies.
- The committee voted to allocate \$500 towards 2014 youth activities and that moving forward, each year that there is not an award recipient, that years' funds may be used the following year to assist with youth activities and recruitment.

There being no further discussion concerning the scholarship report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report without alterations.

Youth Committee Update

The kids enjoyed the Winston – Salem Outing. Mr. Corey Hawkins has been added as a youth ambassador to the executive committee.

Chapter Updates

2014 Reunion Update /Reunion Planning Committee Duties Assigned

Currently, we have identified the Hilton Desoto as the host hotel. We are working with Cousin Dorothy Pelote who is acting as our honorary host. The current activities may include a trolley tour and a performance from the Albeni Cultural Arts Company. The area has a variety of cultural sites with an emphasis on African American history.

Several Cousins were assigned duties to assist with planning for the reunion. Also updates to the current status of planning were made.

Cousin Ken and Cousin John	Hotel	Cousin Betty	Prayer Breakfast Speaker
Cousin Gwen	Activities	Cousin Courtnie	Youth Activities
Cousin Sheila	Finance	Cousin Cherri	Booklets, Bags, etc

Lunch Break

Voting for next year reunion

Cousin Ken stated that we must have an election by the Savanna reunion. A motion was made at the Winston Salem business meeting that the current team remain in an interim status until elections could be made. The current executive team agreed to stay on due to the absence nominations, however they emphasized the fact that elections provide transparency and opportunities for others to participate. This committee should actively work to bring more personnel into various roles and responsibilities if we expect to continue.

Chapter Recommendations

None

Cousin's Moving Forward

- Cousin Ken will add State points of contacts as part of the structure to provide local access and information. The position is voluntary only and does not need to be added to the bylaws. In areas where an active chapter exists, the Chapter Chair can assume the role or assign as they feel fit. The following were recommended:

Florida – Charles English New York – Cousin Robin Washington, DC – Chapter Chair

Pittsburg – John Jackson South Carolina – Clark Mcgriff Maryland – Katara Johnson

California – Shirley Longmire North Carolina – Denis Williams

- The committee discussed strategies for better use of the Face book account and the New Webpage. The webpage has a variety of options that we will have to learn to incorporate including video chat, survey, and messaging.
- Cousin Ken spoke to the future of the organization citing that we will be celebrating our 50 year anniversary. The group discussed a professionally done table book chronicling the history of the family. The group also discussed if the location should be in Camden or Washington, D.C. – each of which have a significant impact on the organizations' start. The group agreed that a team should be assigned earlier than later.