

2014 Ways and Means Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Cousin Cherrie at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and review of agenda was provided by National Vice Chairman, Cousin Cherrie

Remarks from National Chairman, Cousin Ken

- Thanked everyone for being in attendance – and for all they do
- Thanked Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins for opening up their home for the meeting
- Read Minutes from 2013 Ways and Means Meeting
- Provided 2013 Winston Salem Reunion Closing Financial Report

Minutes from 2013 Ways and Means Committee meeting were approved

- Motion: Cousin Cherrie
- Seconded: Cousin John

Committee Reports / Updates

- 2014 Savannah, GA Reunion Closing Report
- Motion made to accept the report: Cousin Ken
- Seconded: Cousin John

National Financial Report

- Same as Closing Expense Report

Scholarship Update

- No applicants in the last couple of years
- Haven't had scholarship raffle
- Fewer complaints with use of web – need to look at expanding
- If no scholarships – use \$500.00 for youth activities
- Discussion was held as reason why more youth don't participate. It was mentioned that the time of year may have some impact because New York schools, as possibly in other states, aren't out of school at the time of the reunion. Cousin Ken responded that via the By-Laws, the date was set. It was also mentioned that the By-Laws, however, do allow for the hosting chapter to adjust the date, with approval. It

was suggested that if there was going to be a change of date, it would have to go before the members at the General Meeting at reunion as a recommendation. It was also suggested to conduct a survey to get a general consensus and to do so via the website, not mailings, as it would be too costly.

Youth Committee Update

- Ken suggested that for New Orleans, less may be more for youth because New Orleans offers so much as a city. Adults focus – banquet and prayer breakfast.

- Suggestion: Hotel based Mardi Gras for kids while adults have free time

Chapter Updates

- DC – No chapter meeting in 2 years
- Baltimore – Hasn't met since North Carolina reunion. Still has account and will leave (Some members have moved)
- Winston Salem – Ken gets a lot of communication, but no action as a group
- Detroit – Had not met in 2 years. Just held re-organizational meeting Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014. Had account at Credit Union that recently closed. Monies were issued back to chapter.
- New York – Meets 4 times a year. Exploring re-inventing the choir. Is planning Black History Celebration in February, 2015.
- New Jersey – Still struggling

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Resumed meeting at 12:45

Update of Scholarship Fund – Cousin Cherrie

2015 Reunion Update

- * Contracts need to be finalized
- * The AC Hotel opens in November, 2014 in New Orleans. It is located in the Bourbon / French Quarter Area. (Cousin Ken has contacts with Marriott National office. Indicated that The Cousins also have a history with Crowne Plaza)

* Group room rate - \$129.00/night

Proposal

- From Detroit Chapter requesting the honor of hosting the 2016 Cousins Reunion. Proposal will go to general meeting in New Orleans.

Chapter Recommendations

- None

Open Forum

- Discussion was held regarding having access to the national account in Detroit. What can be put into place to keep it? Cousin Ken will follow up with Cousin Elsie and Cousin Othneil.
- Website = \$200.00 plus / yearly. Question raised was to determine how we can utilize the site more throughout the year. Ken would like to put it in full force by also scanning in all old reunion booklets. The website should be used for sales, messaging, etc.
- Cousin Ken suggested we begin collecting names of fallen leaves now. We know of: Lucy E. Jones, Clarence Peay and Corenthia Cunningham.
- Reminder was issued that we still have a Public Relations position open. It would entail one being responsible for posting fallen leaves, events, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Attending Delegates:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
1. Cherrie Hawkins	DC
2. Sheila Johnson	DC
3. Shirley Hawkins	DC
4. John Jackson	Pennsylvania
5. Bunny Jackson	Pennsylvania
6. Vandetta Fleming	New York
7. Vickie Boyd	New York
8. Robin Phoenix	New York
9. Ken Shaw (via Zoom)	Baltimore

10. Cheryl Hatton (via Zoom)

Detroit

11. Corey Hawkins

DC

12. Cameron Hawkins

DC

National Chairman: Kenneth Shaw

Treasurer: Sheila Johnson

National Vice Chairman: Cherrie Hawkins

Secretary: Cheryl Hatton

National Co-Vice Chair: Robin Phoenix

Ways & Means Chairman: Cherrie Hawkins

Vice Chairman: Open