

2017 Ways and Means Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 18, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

Opened meeting @ 9:11 a.m.

I. Welcome.....Cousin Othniel McGriff

II. Roll Call.....Cousin Cheryl Hatton

Cherrie Hawkins.....DC

Shelia Hawkins.....DC

Ken Shaw.....NC (Durham)

Jurea Harris.....SC (Rock Hill)

Othniel McGriff.....MI (Detroit)

Robin Phoenix.....NY/NJ

Gwen Shannon.....NY/NJ/SC

John Jackson.....PA

Betty Hunt.....NY (Buffalo - briefly via FaceTime)

Cheryl Hatton.....MI (Detroit)

III. Opening Prayer.....Cousin Othniel

IV. Remarks by Chairwoman.....Cousin Robin Phoenix

Welcomed all in attendance for the W/M meeting and reviewed the agenda

V. Approval of Minutes.....Cousin Cheryl

- Minutes were not read as they had been sent electronically, but were voted on to approve:
 - a) 2016 Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes
Moved by Cousin Ken, seconded by Cousin Cherrie – voted; unanimously carried to approve
 - b) Minutes from 2017 Executive Board Meeting

Moved by Cousin Ken, seconded by Cousin Othniel – voted; unanimously carried to approve

c) Minutes from 2017 National Cousins Reunion Business Meeting

Moved by Cousin Ken, seconded by Cousin Othniel – voted; unanimously carried to approve

VI. Financial Report.....Cousin Shelia Hawkins

- a. Beginning balance - \$1,071.86
 - i. Activity – Flowers to Family of Cousin Naomi McGriff
 - ii. Activity – Website paid up through 6/18 @ the rate of \$19.95/month
- b. Balance = \$874.14
- c. Donation = for Website and Scholarship = \$306.00 (to be divided equally between the 2 accounts)
- d. Assessment from 2017 Reunion = \$380.00
- e. New Balance = \$1560.14
- f. Will remove \$153.00 to Scholarship fund (from donations)
- g. Final Balance = \$1,407.14

Moved by Cousin Ken and seconded by Cousin Cheryl to approve Financial Report – voted, unanimously carried to approve

VII. Old Business

- a. 2017 NY/NJ Reunion Summary.....Cousin Gwen
No report available. Will be sent electronically.
- b. Scholarship / Finance Committee Report.....Cousins Cherrie, Robin and Cheryl (on behalf of Cousin Elise Bowden). Cousin Elsie’s financial report’s account status was read as of June, 2017. Cousin Robin introduced Cousin Jurea Harris, who volunteered to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Cousin Cherrie mentioned that we have graduates for 2018 and we need to complete the updating of application. Discussion was held of who the committee members are – at this juncture it’s Cousins Robin and Jurea. Cousin Cherrie will update Cousin Jurea on current materials and paperwork.
- c. Youth Committee Report – None (Note: Cousin Cortnie Squirewell will be stepping down as Youth Chairperson).
- d. Website Feasibility / Sustainability Report.....Cousin Ken Shaw
From his report, Cousin Ken thoroughly walked the committee through and explained the features of the website, including the store and video capability. He explained about the three main areas that have been integrated onto the site which are: the 8 Family Names page, Historian’s Corner and Chairman’s Blog on the National Website (@nationalcousinsreunion.org) and the 8 principals of

effective sustainment. With regard to the family names, there have been 5 hits from people who have gone on the site and posted. Cousin Ken has responded back to them as they may be members of the family: Francine Vaughn Green and Briana Davis (Vaughn); Tracey Hanton and Angela Green (Truesdale) and Jasmina Campbell (Peay). The primary goal of the site, as stated from the tenets in the report, is to integrate the vision, mission and values of this family organization. It was suggested that we figure out how to further include youth or get more youth involvement.

Cousin Ken has already posted the new Points of Contact online. He will reach out to them to further post their information, pictures, etc.

Cousin John joined in to talk about his experience with "ancestry.com" and the results he received, with possibly linking it to our website for others who may be interested.

Cousin Othniel expressed being ecstatic about the website!

- e. By-Laws Committee Report.....Cousin John Jackson
It was reported that the committee is almost finished with revisions to the document and that it is still in progress. He will forward fresh copies of what has been done thus far to the committee members with the anticipation of picking up a meeting schedule, beginning after the holidays in January, 2018.

VIII. New Business

- a) No Chapter Updates
- b) Membership Directory Update
 - a. Cousin Gwen will send directory to Secretary, which had been forwarded already to Buffalo.
 - b. Cousin Cheryl reported the names of latest POCs as new members, which are: Harvey Ellison (PA), Sheila Brevard-Blamo (WV), Marietta Taylor (MD), Elaine Shannon (GA), and Regina Northington (Buffalo).
- c) Historian Report.....Cousin Gwen
Cousin Gwen shared information about a book, entitled "Atlantic Bonds" by Lisa Lindsay, which discusses and highlights Scipio Vaughan. Although a different spelling of the last name, different W/M members have expressed an interest in researching further.
- d) Chapter Recommendations – None

IX. 2018 Buffalo Reunion Update.....Cousin Betty Hunt, briefly via FaceTime

- a. Millenium Hotel has been secured

X. Open Forum.....Cousins

Cousins informed each other of contacts needing to be made, received clarity about issues discussed and updated phone numbers.

- XI. Closing Remarks.....Cousin Othniel
 - a) Pointed out an error in an ad in last year's Souvenir Book.
 - b) Expressed his gratitude to members for their continued involvement and commitment to the Cousins.
- XII. Adjournment @ 11:37 a.m.
Motion to adjourn by Cousin Ken, seconded by Cousin John; vote-unanimously carried to adjourn.

Humbly Submitted,

Cheryl Hatton, National Secretary