

2019 Ways and Means Committee Recommendations

The Cousins of Washington D.C.

Recommendation #2

The DC Chapter is currently planning activities for the upcoming 2020 Reunion. In the past it was agreed if no Scholarship was awarded to a cousin at the previous reunion, the \$500.00 could be used to assist with some youth activities for the next reunion.

The Cousins of Washington DC recommendation is that \$500.00 from the Scholarship Fund be used to assist with some youth activities for our upcoming 50th Reunion, with the understanding any unused funds will be returned to the Scholarship Fund.

Recommendation #3

To revisit the idea of renaming The Cousin's Scholarship Fund to The Michael Payne Scholarship Fund. Cousin Michael Payne was our first Youth Chairperson who did a fantastic job involving our youth at the reunions. By naming the Scholarship after him will set the bar high for our present or future Youth Chairperson to carry on his legacy and getting the youth more involved with our organization.

Detroit Chapter's Proposed Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION #1

We recommend that the Scholarship Committee simplify the criteria for family to apply for a scholarship to include the following:

- A) To include the non-traditional student as well as the traditional,
- B) To follow up with recipients of our scholarship, (ie to update family at next reunion of their progress, or involve them in conducting or assisting with youth activities), and
- C) To continue to keep the requirement of being a family member and validated enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

RECOMMENDATION #2

We recommend that the original amount of the settlement from the Detroit Reunion in 1979 of \$5,000.00 be placed in the Scholarship Fund and the remaining \$2,534.89 (accrued interest) be kept with the Detroit Chapter.

RECOMMENDATION #3

To meet the demands of increasing the membership of the National Cousins and

encouraging more participation from our younger family members, we recommend having the banquet on Saturday of the reunion weekend rather than Friday.

RECOMMENDATION #4

To be cost effective for all (and not having to pay for an additional night of hotel fees), we recommend the Annual Executive Board meeting be done via a video conferencing site on either the Thursday of the reunion weekend or the week before.