

Cousins 2015 Ways and Means Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 14, 2015
9:00 a.m.
(via video conferencing)

Attendees:

Cherrie Hawkins
Robin Phoenix
Ken Shaw (briefly)
Shelia Hawkins
Elsie Bowden
Courtne Wilson
John Jackson
Darryl McKinney
Cheryl Hatton

Meeting Opened at 9:13 a.m.

Welcome – Cousin Cherrie Hawkins, Ways and Means Chairperson

Opening Prayer – Cousin Cheryl Hatton

Agenda Review – Cousin Cherrie

Remarks – Cousin Cherrie reinforced elections for next reunion

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion made by Cousin Cheryl; Seconded by Cousin John Jackson
Ayes: 8; Nays: 0
Motion carried

Chapter Updates

DC – no report

New Jersey – no report

New York – Have not met in a while. Have a meeting scheduled for next week to discuss 2017 reunion – hotels / activities / logistics

Detroit – Chapter is meeting monthly. Planning for 2016 reunion continues.

Detroit's Go Fund Me Account video was shown. There was discussion to put the video on the National Cousins website, but site is up for renewal in December. This has been an expense that National Chairman Ken Shaw incurred and took care of himself.

Closing Report from 2015 – Cousin Shelia Hawkins

Motion to approve – Cousin Cheryl; Seconded – Cousin Cherrie
Ayes – 8; Nays – 0
Motion carried

- In light of the National website being up for renewal, it was moved and seconded to use the \$159.00 remaining from the 2015 Scholarship overage to fund website. Motion – Cousin Cheryl; Seconded – Cousin Elsie Bowden
Ayes – 8; Nays-0
Motion carried

Committee Reports and Updates

- A. Scholarship Committee – Cousin Cherrie
Discussion re: changing some guidelines about the student application. Need for re-doing application. Committee members Betty, Cherrie, Elsie and Robin will meet to re-vamp application. Application will remain as is for 2016 perspective applicants.
- B. Youth Committee – Cousin Courtnie Wilson
Highlights of youth activities were provided for the Detroit reunion.
- C. 2016 Reunion Update – Cousins Elsie and Cheryl
Update of 2016 reunion.
Requested POCs to check mailing list..
National has indicated that it will provide \$500.00 for youth.
- D. 2017 Reunion Update – Cousins Robin Phoenix and Darryl McKinney
Kickoff planning meeting to be held next week.
 - a) Chapter is looking for hotels.
 - b) Considering having everything centralized in Harlem.
 - c) Also considering Mother Zion A.M. E. Zion Church / Apollo / Ground Zero for historical/entertaining points of interest

Scholarship Fund Report – Cousin Elsie

Chapter Recommendations – None

Open Forum

- A. Donations for website are to be sent to Cousin Shelia.
- B. Pictures from 2015 National Cousins Family Reunion will be posted on website.
- C. Cousin Darryl was welcomed as he joined committee meeting.
- D. Elections will need to be held during Detroit Reunion. Detroit Chapter will need to set time aside for campaigning. Voting box will be needed also.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Motion – Cousin Cheryl; Seconded – Cousin Cherrie
Ayes – 8; Nays -0
Motion carried

