

**Cousins Ways and Means Committee Meeting
Hilton Christiana Hotel, Wilmington, DE
November 5, 2011**

Call to order @ 09:40 a.m., Presiding: Cousin Cherri Hawkins, National Vice Chairperson

Chapter Representatives:

Baltimore:

Cousin Ken Shaw, Cousin Angela Shaw

Delaware:

Cousin Cheryl Gregory

New York / New Jersey

Cousin Gwen Shannon, Cousin Robin Phoenix

Pittsburg

Cousin John Jackson

Washington, D.C.

Cousin Cherrie Hawkins, Cousin Sheila Hawkins

Minutes

Welcome – Cousin Cherri Hawkins welcomed the representatives to the meeting.

Prayer – Cousin Kenneth Shaw led the group in an opening prayer

Review of the Agenda – Cousin Cherri Hawkins

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the agenda

Remarks – National Chairman, Cousin Ken Shaw

Approval of 2010 Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes without alterations.

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Committee Reports /Updates

- **2011 Atlanta reunion Closing Report**

Cousin Ken reported the following comparison statistic from the previous two reunions:

(*See National Financial report for 2011 reunion cost)

	2009 Baltimore	2010 Atlanta
Hotel		
Total nights	80	76
Total rooms	30	29
Rooms Adult	30	29
Rooms Child	10	07
Activities		
Registration	59	50
Banquet Adult	59	50
Banquet Child	19	12
Tour	N/A	33
Patrons	6	5
Dance	75	40
Prayer Breakfast Adult	33	37
Prayer Breakfast Child	12	6
Ice Cream Social	15	N/A
Youth Outing	11	15
2011 Event “overages”		
Banquet	3	
Tour	0	
Breakfast	0	

After a detailed discussion on the impact of the statistics, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the reunion report without alterations.

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- **National Financial Report**

Cousin Sheila provided the following information:

Beginning Balance	\$2,779.41
Total income from Reunion	\$4,895.00
2011 Reunion Cost hosted by National	\$5,397.38
 Total	 \$2,277.03
 Ways and means Room rental	 - \$100.00
 National Account balance	 \$2,177.03

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the financial report without alterations.

- **2011 Scholarship Update**

Cousin Cherri reported that 167 \$1.00 50/50 raffle tickets were sold for the scholarship raffle. The winning ticket was Ticket # 2886 and received \$83.50

Cousin Elsie could not attend but forwarded the information for the scholarship fund.

6 month CD @ .20% (Matures December, 2011)

Scholarship Fund=

Balance Forward \$1,452.96

Proceeds 50/50 \$ 83.50

Balance on hand \$1,536.46

Total Assets \$8,536.46

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the scholarship report without alterations.

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- **Youth Committee**

Cousin Cortnie and Cousin Gary were commented on another great session with the kids in Atlanta. It was recommended that Cousin Gary Co-chair the youth committee in future reunions. Activities proposed for the Delaware reunion include Movie night, “Cousins Jeopardy”, and perhaps including youth in the banquet and prayer breakfast activities. Cousin John volunteered host Cousins Jeopardy if conducted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the youth report without alterations.

Chapter Updates

- DC Chapter noted one new member added to group. A fund raiser for the chapter will be conducted on 11/11. They currently meet every other month.
- New York / New Jersey have a scheduled meeting in December
- Baltimore added two new members. They meet every other month.
- Pittsburg reported no formal meetings going on
- Delaware re[ports no formal meetings going on but communication between the Brevard family in the area.

Review of bylaws:

It was noted that the Bylaws should reflect the addition of the yearly 50/50 raffle during the banquet.

Lunch

Cousins Website

There was discussion among the group on the current webpage and on expanding the organizations use of other social media such as Twitter, Face Book, and MySpace. Cousin Ken stated that host the current webpage and will attempt to create a Cousins facebook page prior to the 2012 reunion.

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2012 Reunion Update

Cousins Cherri, Sheila, Ken, and Cheryl presented the status of planning for the 2012 reunion.

Chapter Recommendations

There were no recommendations submitted for the committee to review

Open Forum

Cousin Ken reviewed plans for a reunion cruise to either Nassau Bahamas, or Cozumel, Mexico.

Cousin Cherrie discussed the results of the Cousins Auction and distributed items to those in attendance that won the bid.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the youth report without alterations.