

Date: July 22, 2010

To: Williams-Hudson Family Reunion 2010 Business Meeting

From: Appointed Task Force (Marchette Wesley [Marchette from the Southern California Chapter replaced Purnell Williams on the committee due to his illness], Evelyn Thompson, Cindy Williams, Sophia Lever)

RE: Discussion of items # 2, 3 from 2008 Business Meeting Agenda

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Sophia Lever contacted each task force member to discuss items # 2, 3 as presented at the last Family Reunion Business Meeting in year 2008. The purpose of these discussions was to illicit feedback from the task force committee to determine a formal procedure for handling these issues in the future. The committee decisions are based on a majority vote. The items under discussion were: #2- Should the family set a standard registration fee of \$100 for all chapters to follow throughout the country? , and #3- At the conclusion of any William- Hudson Family Reunion, should each chapter be responsible to forward 75% of remaining funds to National after all expenses have been paid in full?

### **Findings**

**Item#2**- Should the family set a standard registration fee for all chapters to follow throughout the country?

At the 2008 Family Reunion Business Meeting, our National President, Purnell Williams, proposed that we set a standard registration fee of \$100 to ensure that we would collect appropriate monies to pay for the total cost of the reunion. Family members may be aware that some past reunions have concluded with a financial deficit and therefore, our intent is to put forth strategies to avoid future shortfalls.

The reunion registration fees typically cover the cost for the banquet, picnic, souvenir book and other miscellaneous items/activities arranged by the hosting Chapter. (Note: Tours and t-shirts are usually paid for as a separate cost.) Purnell Williams thought each chapter should more effectively estimate the full cost of the reunion and ultimately have adequate funds to balance their reunion budget if we agreed to a standard fee.

### **Conclusion**

**The task force recommends that the William- Hudson Family charge a standard \$100 for the registration fee per adult.**

One family member expressed a concern about the fees for a family of four. This concern begs the question of the importance of establishing a reasonable child's fee. However, the children's fee was not a part of our task. Therefore, we would recommend that this item is discussed at the upcoming Business Meeting or deferred to another task force. The family would need to determine the appropriate cost of the child's fee and the associated age range. For example, we could charge a \$50 discounted registration fee per child for age 5-18 years old, and children under age 5 are free.

**Item #3- At the conclusion of any William- Hudson Family Reunion, should each chapter be responsible to forward 75% of remaining funds to National after all expenses have been paid in full?**

#### Conclusion

The task force unanimously agreed that we should forward 75% of the proceeds to the National Chapter.

Everyone supported the notion that we should send 75% of our left over funds to the National account. We all individually expressed the importance of making the Williams-Hudson Family a vital institution with financial strength and depth. We would hope that our bank accounts can be used to support future family reunions with money (as required) and also serve to support other activities for the family yet to be discovered by our younger generations.