

MINUTES OF MEETING 2010 – July 30, 2010

COLUMBUS, GA

ROGER WILLIAMS – OPENED WITH WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO COLUMBUS CHAPTER FOR OUTSTANDING JOB.

Mac Willie Thompson formal call to order. First order of business – Prayer

Prayer by Derryl Mahone

This is a transition reunion – Purnell is not with us. Purnell was the first National President of the Williams Hudson Family. Please read the journal and letter from Purnell to family. We will be electing a person to continue the journey.

Lillie Johnson Edwards opening remarks – one of the things we pride ourselves on is creating “Legacy.” We plan, and because we plan we can execute various reunions with increasing effectiveness. Every new generation will do something different ... we are passing the torch on to new generations.

Life was different for me ... than it was for my father. When I gave the valedictorian speech at Columbus High ... then it was a school where my grandfather could only be a janitor.

ROGER WILLIAMS and MARIA DORSEY chair the remainder of the meeting.

MICHAEL HARRIS – passed around a meeting sheet for all to update their information. As we communicate – we need to email each other to stay in touch.

MARIA WILLIAMS DORSEY - thanks and encouragement regarding why we have a meeting at our family reunion. You can have a structure – but if you don't pass it on it will be lost. We need to show our family and its children – structure!

HORACE makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. It is **SECONDED** and **APPROVED**.

BOB makes a motion to convene a discussion regarding officers.

Seconded

MACK makes motion that those nominated be initiated as candidates.

TOMMIE WILLIAMS

MARIA DORSEY

ROGER WILLIAMS

MICHAEL HARRIS

To express the duties of President – each nominee speaks. Roger spoke first on vision. There were things we did not achieve – where should we be moving? Is there the will of this family to make it a reality. Looking down the road – we need to address a number of issues.

Horace – there are a lot of members that are not here – I've had talks with those that are not here – we have lost touch with each other. We come to the meeting and I don't know the people. The family is too scattered - we go away from the meeting. Get everybody to know everybody. Horace's vision is getting people to know who they are. I'm a Smith where do I fit in? Where do the Hinton's fit in. Horace expresses the hope that whoever takes leadership will help us find out more clearly who we are.

MICHAEL HARRIS expresses that every family is battling that subject. We are now 7-9 generations deep. We need to cater to the children – most of the family does not come because it is not geared to the youth. We need to cater to the children. The younger generations do not know each other.

MARY THOMPSON SHELTON – a Hudson – from the family of George Lewis Hudson. Feels she was taught that she doesn't fit in, doesn't have the name that fits. We need to be inclusive rather than change. We need to expand the family tree – go back one generation – point to Hintons and the Hudsons. For the young people – I can point that out.

WILSON WILLIAMS – we need to enhance this – we spoke about a newsletter – we need the tree to be extended and let you know where your family comes from – mail it out to everybody. We need a fundraising to assist family's with coming to reunion. Get something in place

BARBARA MURRAY – grandfather is Willie Williams. Where are the rest of the family?

ROGER WILLIAMS – speaks regarding his presidency – His vision is to stand on the shoulders of those that preceded him. Piggyback on getting people together

at times other than funerals. "I've taken personal risks and I still go forward – accept new challenges."

MICHAEL HARRIS – travels for a living. A pastor said people always wish they spent more time with their family. I realize that my family is a priority. Numbers are in 1000s – but we only have 200-400. I will make family a priority.

MARIA DORSEY – we need to make family a priority. We that have attended (the family reunion) need to tell the rest to come. Going forward we need to reach out to the youth. A leader needs to know that they can depend on those under them. Any leader has to communicate to and with the family. Can't take new ideas and put it in a broken glass. Let's not sign a contract without having back up. Can we handle it?

Move that we vote by secret ballot.

Motion made to vote secretly and to use a succession of votes to decide president, and next vice president.

Motion that GLORIA WICKER continue as treasurer – she's accepted – motion carries.

Motion to open nominations for secretary BONITA ZEIER to remain as secretary .

Motion that DEBORAH DAWSON continue as Historian – seconded – approved. Mack Thompson shared that Deborah has joined ancestors.com of her own accord.

Gloria Wicker presented the results on vote for President

ROGER WILLIAMS

Vice President 1 – MICHAEL HARRIS

Vice President 2 – MARIA DORSEY

Vice President 3 – TOMMIE ^{WILLIAMS} ~~DORSEY~~, JR.

A word from the new president – Roger Williams. Your children will consume technologically and they are adept to staying in touch by social network. Our ability to maintain those ties is a way we can further the communication.

ROBERT POOL said it was a hard decision and that we have some critical things that can happen – Look at peoples economic status and the ability of people to stay and come.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS. SECONDED AND APPROVED.

Mack spoke about Roger and his attributes for President. He is raising Milan to know her elders and they know her. Powerful message

Horace – statement to new president – find out how everyone is related. – change the family tree to include the Hudsons and Hintons

ALTON WILLIAMS – the problem with the family tree is that we need to add the Hudsons and Hintons – in addition to Isaac and Georgianne.

Bonita Zeier, Mack Thompson , Deborah Dawson, Horace, Barry Thompson, Mindy Hudson will work to compile a new list of how members are related to the family

Lillie Johnson Edwards spoke re the Scholarship Fund. In answer to making the scholarship fair – we have tried to create a process to nationalize and award scholarship. We need to affirm all of our high school graduates of the reunion year and prior year will be recognized at the banquet. request for all high school graduates to be recognized. to make it fair – Williams Hudson family should continue to affirm excellence. We want to set a high bar. We expect them to do well. In addition to recognizing everybody – we will recognize and continue to have an essay contest. Essay will be judged by an outside professional and fairly award. All (High School graduates) will receive a minimum of \$25 and there will be an award for the best essay at each reunion.

Work regarding the scholarship is done by host committee – collected locally and money raised is completely separated from national and/or local funds. By 2012 a total of \$1000 was raised. All applicants must list the family tree and where they fall.

CURTIS GREEN - What about college grads.

Lillie – we are now focusing on the high school only.

BARRY THOMPSON – 2 questions – If they (the graduates) can't pick out where they are on the family tree – will they be disqualified? Everyone smiles.

If you can't find where you are – we will make the email of the historian available for you to find out.

VERA HOOD – are there going to be prerequisites for the students? Such as ... have they attended a family reunion.

Lillie – we spoke of all kinds of other criteria – the problem is how do you judge it and how do you make the decision and 3rd what is the purpose of the scholarship. Is the purpose to affirm the academic work, commitment to the family? 2012 is in motion – we will talk about other criteria for 2014. We need to find and explore if there is a way to strengthen the connection of the students?

PEARLINE WALKER – I think they should attend the meetings.

GLORIA WICKER – motion to take questions

MACK is prepared to leave a considerable amount of money to the scholarship; but we need business in place.

MOTION TO CHARGE THE OFFICERS TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A WILL TRUST OR OTHER INSTRUMENT. AND REPORT IN 2012.

BOB POOLE makes motion to adopt Lillie's committee's scholarship program. Seconded and approved.

Roger

Regarding 2012: Where will we hold the reunion. Floor is open to suggestions.

BONITA ZEIER – suggested to have the 2012 reunion in Las Vegas and 2014 in new Orleans.

BARRY THOMPSON – has relatives in Las Vegas. Not sure if they will be able to help.

Cousin SOPHIA LEVER has volunteered to spearhead the reunion in Las Vegas.

CINDY WILLIAMS – volunteered for helping with the reunion.

Gil Williams – MOTION TO HAVE REUNION IN 2012 IN LAS VEGAS, 2014 IN NEW ORLEANS – seconded and passed

HORACE THOMPSON – The Williams Hudson family has the largest reunions that he knows of.

BRENDA WILLIAMS 2012 is a powerful year. Barack Obama needs to be reelected. I will sign you all up to vote and be active. If a 100 people donate \$100 each – we could have a contest to see who raises the most money.

GLORIA WICKER motion to offer Deborah Dawson \$250 for her work. Seconded and approved.

ROBERT FORD. Try to do a package deal. One fee for everything at the reunion.

Minutes approved with any changes, seconded and approved.

CHARLIE MAY WILLIAMS HICKSON – first family reunion was at my home – my dad was sick and my grandma visited her – we went to Nettie's and everyone brought a dish.

DERRYL MAHONE closed in prayer

Suggested

AGENDA / Script

Williams-Hudson Board Meeting 7/30/2010

- I. Call to Order — MACK WILLIE Thompson - President. Purnell Williams would like to wish everyone well and will turn the meeting over to Vice Presidents.
- II. Opening remarks ROGER WILLIAMS and MARIA DORSEY re future of leadership – reunion direction.
- III. Sec. BONITA ZEIER — Minutes from our 2008 Board meeting will be passed around for review. We will take any comments or corrections at the end of the meeting. We would like a motion to approve the submitted minutes and table any corrections and final approval until the end of the meeting? Second? All in favor? Opposed. Minutes accepted and tabled for Adoption.
- IV. Treas. – Pass around for review – adopt at end of meeting.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
- VI. Discussion of the reunion leadership structure, succession structure and reunion future. Include need for 2 secretaries – so that 2 people will have the reunion records.
- VII. Nominations for President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary.
- VIII. You have Reviewed the 2008 Minutes. Are there any changes? Do I have a motion to approve? Second? All in favor? Opposed. Minutes Adopted.
- IX. Adjournment— Acting President.