

**WILLIAMS HUDSON FAMILY REUNION
MINUTES OF MEETING – 8/3/12
LAS VEGAS, NV**

Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

ROGER WILLIAMS – OPENED WITH WELCOME AND roll call of Chapters

Presentation by ALAN & GLORIA WICKER

Alan and Gloria Wicker make a detailed Power Point presentation regarding hosting the family reunion in New Orleans Louisiana for 2014

They have already begun investigation of facilities and made some arrangements

Dates are Thurs. July 31 to Sun. August 3.

They are trying to keep costs down.

Our Reunion will take place at the same time as the Louis Armstrong festival. Highlights:
African American Museum – the oldest Catholic church – Picnic will be held at the Aquarium with free entry.

Open the floor for suggestions for 2016

CHERYETTA WILLIAMS

Sharing thoughts for possibilities for 2016 reunion. What about Puerto Rico?

As a family we could show that we are broad minded, that we can teach our children about travel, diversity and culture.

JAMILE MCNALLY

Can attest to the fact that Puerto Rico is very accessible. U.S. currency is acceptable. Things are easy.

There are a lot of cultural experiences that will be fun as a family Flight times should not be a barrier.

ROGER WILLIAMS – We can take it under advisement

KATHY SUGGS is volunteering to help chair a group that will investigate. Volunteers:

Jamelle McNally

Cheryetta Williams

Motion is made that the 2016 reunion be held in Puerto Rico.

Question – HORACE THOMPSON – we need to rethink the family reunions – what they mean and what they were set up for. They were to get people together and to meet people in that city WHERE the people in the family live. Going to Puerto Rico without relatives may be costly. Until the economy picks up we may not be able to . We need to rethink our purpose.

We will have the first test of having a reunion in a place where no one lives in New Orleans

Vote – 10 yes; 12 no

MOTION TO HAVE REUNION IN PUERTO RICO DID NOT CARRY

We said at the 2010 meeting that planning in advance allows others to plan for the reunions.

Las Vegas has less people

Count in Columbus 220

Las Vegas 140

CORA – daughter did the reunion – people do not want to pay.

ARLENE JOHNSON – Likes the point that Lillie made. It seems that planning ahead helps. We need to share our knowledge to strengthen our family.

NATALIE PERRY – was on planning committee in San Francisco. Echoed the need to plan. It not only depends on the negotiator but also on availability and a number of other issues.

WE HAVE A PLAN!

July 31 – August 3, 2014. Jazzin it up in “NAWLINS”

New Orleans hotel costs - \$109 Plus free wifi.

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship started in northern ca at the 2006 reunion. It is now nationalized and is a forum for all. All High School graduates are required to write.

SHARON GIDDENS - How do you get in contact with committee?

Committee will take under advisement possibly awarding a lottery based prize along with a merited best essay prize. Will bring back recommendation in 2014 of how the scholarship will work.

WILLIE WILLIAMS – would not take money out of registration for scholarship.

If each member would contribute \$5 per year to a National Fund and – everyone gives \$10 we would have enough. Northern California started and now we need to promote it.

MOTION for adults 18 and over to pay \$5 per year to national – Motion is seconded.

IN FAVOR – 25; Opposed – 0 –

MOTION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING CARRIES.

HORACE THOMPSON – We need to put forth an election for officers.

We need to define the duties of officers – need to organize and we need to officially put things in order. We need an agenda.

Informal Discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNS.