

# BASH Family Reunion Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, Sep 17, 2023, 3:00pm

## 1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer

- President Calvin Brown called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.
- A moment of silence was held in honor of BASH family member, Tiffany Jordan. Tiffany was also a former member of the executive board.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Secretary, Perlie Davis called for motions to approve the meeting minutes.
- Executive Board Meeting – June 11, 2023: A motion was offered by Calvin Brown to accept the minutes as read. Deetra Poindexter seconded and the motion was approved.
- Special Executive Board Meeting – Aug 28, 2023: A motion was offered by Calvin Brown to accept the minutes as read. Deetra Poindexter seconded and the motion was approved.

## 3. Action Items Update

- Perlie Davis reviewed the action items spreadsheet with the board. Updates were made accordingly.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Shawn Allen was made an admin for the Family Reunion Facebook page. He will help monitor members and new posts as well as engage family.

## 4. Update on 2024 Family Reunion

- Perlie Davis reported that Jane was still working on the Registration Packet.
- The board discussed the current contests deadline noting that no family members had submitted entries for either contest (Theme; T-shirt/logo design). It was suggested to ask Jane to move the contest deadline to October 31st.
- The board discussed determining the executive board slate of officer candidates prior to the 2024 reunion. Candidates would be able to present statements prior to voting. They also discussed the importance of completing the bylaws to govern the elections.

## 5. Committee Reports

- Website and Bylaws – Deetra Poindexter
  - Deetra reported that she was not getting responses from all committee members and would proceed with those that have.

- Family History – Shawn Allen
  - Shawn reported that he is moving forward with Ancestry.com research and that he is being assisted by Charles Jackson.
  - They found people related to Sheppards in Atlanta and will cross reference given that they spell the name with two 'p's instead of one. Shawn shared that he vaguely recalled a decision was made at some point to drop a 'p' but will research this further.
  - Shawn also shared that Lonnie Allen took Ned Allen's name but was not related to the Allens by blood. Lonnie Allen's biological father was a slave owner.
  - Shawn shared that Charles had good ideas for prizes to go into the reunion gift bags.
  - The board discussed having a visual representation at the reunion of family members we've lost. Anyone with pictures should forward those to Shawn.

6. Agenda Planning for Oct Quarterly Meeting

- Perlie will draft an agenda and forward to the board for review and feedback.

7. Other Issues

- The board discussed making registration payments via the website and how that could only be done after the bank account is set up.

8. Announcements/Closing Prayer/Adjournment

- Calvin Brown offered a closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.