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Woods Family Reunion Minutes July 19, 2025/Re-cap

Reading of minutes from 2024 Reunion Meeting and Re-Cap Cincinnati reunion (thanks again to host Mark and Lisa Ramey)—**Wanda Glenn, Assistant Secretary**

Minutes of 2024 were motioned, seconded and adopted

Meeting was adjourned for old business –

## **New Business**

### **Future Family Reunions**

- Host 2025 –Willie and Karin Woods      St. Louis, MO
- Host 2026 – Ira Dozier                      Montgomery, AL
- Host 2027 – Latoya Thurman      Atlanta, GA (**Unable to confirm because Latoya was not in attendance; this will be a follow up item**)
- Host 2028 – **Possible cruise but more discussion to take place.** Concern raised on the risk of all family being on a ship. It was also mentioned that the Summer Olympics would be held in CA in July 2028 so that may not be a good time to consider CA.

Discussion regarding keeping the youth involved is a big concern for many. It's important to expand where we go and what attractions there are to keep everyone engaged and encourage participation at every level.

This led to mention of expanding the reunion to include another day to allow for more exploration and time to enjoy wherever the reunion is being held.

The Woods Family Reunion is self-funded, meaning that all costs for hotel, meals covered by hotel are reimbursed (to host) based on registration/participation. Monroe brought up the subject of Woods Family Reunion becoming a Non-profit. This would allow for more ability to do fundraising because we would have a tax ID number which would provide many benefits to raise funds and receive tax benefits.

There was support shown for this however it would be necessary to create a team to investigate and determine the best way to tackle this undertaking i.e. legality, state implications, etc. The request was motioned, second and adopted with future team to be identified.

Along with this same topic was the idea of creating a separate treasury fund designated for fund raising endeavors to create a fund to pull from to assist the host of future reunions to secure various deposits.

To continue to grow our reunion and solicit involvement from all family members we must make it easier to host for those who choose to do so.

In response to a concern from previous meeting stating that not all family members knew of the website or Facebook page, Gwen Johnson created cards that contain both site(s) information along with art depicting where we began in Tennessee. Thank you, Gwen!

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All family reunion officers and planning committee members were asked to stand. Special recognition of Latasha Woods-Hicks as the family T-shirt coordinator.

- Young Adult Family Reunion Committee opened to those interested in taking an active role in the planning and various jobs needed to ensure a successful reunion. If you are interested in joining, please contact Wanda Glenn after the meeting or at (314)496-3783; [lynell\\_319@yahoo.com](mailto:lynell_319@yahoo.com)

|                    | <b>Committee Interest</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| o Kenee Daffin     | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Kody Daffin      | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Aurelia Woods    | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Keree Daffin     | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Keshee Smith     | Non-Profit Org/Finance    |
| o Ryan Woods       | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Erick Woods      | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Larry Woods Jr.  | Gen'l Planning            |
| o Tiffany Kendrick | Operations/Project Mgmt.  |

#### **Woods Family Reunion Finance Report – Barbara Chatman, Treasurer**

- June 28, 2024 – June 28, 2025
- Expenses
  - o Flowers
    - Myra Renee Gregory
    - Nell & Marion Rainer

Announcement of request for family income dues was opened to all. Question asked regarding what are dues used for? Treasurer explained that dues are used to provide comfort for family members who have experienced a death. The options are flowers sent to the service or a memorable plaque.

A concern was raised regarding the plaque for Joe Woods not being received yet, 2 yr wait. Barbara stated she would take responsibility for this as the company used for the plaques is not timely in completing. She will follow up on the request.

All items discussed in the meeting were motioned, seconded and adopted.

**Business meeting was adjourned as no other new business was brought forward.**

**Evening Program – Western Themed (Denim, Hats and Boots)**

Welcome to St. Louis – Willie and Karin Woods (Hosts)

Blessing- **Monroe Woods, President**

**Acknowledgements–Sharon Echols, Vice President**

- First timers attending reunion
- Newest family member
- Birthdays

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- Memorial - Moment of Silence and lighting of candles
  - o Recognitions First to Register/Pay (Elbert Woods)
  - o Traveled the Farthest – Thailand (Gary Morrow)
  - o Newlyweds/Expectant parents
  - o Oldest person in attendance – (96)
  - o Youngest person in attendance – 2 months
- Education
  - o High School and College Graduates were acknowledged
  - o Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade acknowledged

A huge thank you to our hosts Willie and Karin Woods along with the STL Crew for a taste of St. Louis

**EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR – PLANNING FOR WOODS 72<sup>ND</sup> FAMILY REUNION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY**

**Host: Ira Dozier**

**Date(s): July 16 – 19, 2026**

**Location: Montgomery, Alabama**

**Accommodations: Elevation Hotel [www.elevationhotel.com](http://www.elevationhotel.com)**

**Room cost: \$199.00 based on at least 65 rooms      T-shirts: \$25.00**

**Theme: Rooted in Legacy, Growing in Love**

**STAY TUNED MORE TO COME—Planning surveys will be sent for feedback at a later time**

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