

67th Pusey Family Reunion

Sunday, August 4, 2013

Forty-nine (49) attended the 67th reunion of the descendants of Isaac Wooten Pusey and Mary Jane Truitt at Pocomoke River State Park (Shad Landing Area) on Sunday, August 4th, 2013.

President Jeff Lank welcomed everyone and Kevin Moran prayed on behalf of several requests made:

- Valerie Moran
- Norman Moran
- Co-worker of Brenda Beachamp
- Those searching for employment
- Edna Mae Powell in Genesis

Bruce Moran then blessed the food, followed by a buffet luncheon with BBQ chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Johnny Perdue provided entertainment by singing the following songs:

- Be Jesus to Someone Today by Rich Mullins
- The Other Side of Jordan by Johnny and June Carter Cash
- I've Never Been This Homesick Before by Dottie Ranbo

Gifts were given to the following:

Travelled the furthest – Florida – Mary & Tom Wilcutts

Married the longest – Jim & Barbara Pusey (60 years)

Oldest person in attendance – Jim Pusey (81 years old)

Current officers:

- Jeff Lank, President
- Kristen Boyd, Vice President
- Cindy Pusey, Treasurer
- Marsha Hefton, Secretary
- Lynne Zebley, Historian

Recognition was given to those who have served in the military.

A collection was taken for future reunions. Amount: (need from Cindy)

Due to Marsha Hefton's absence, Kristen Boyd read the Secretary's report.

Prizes were given to the following family members: Todd Pusey, Kristen Boyd, Kim Lawrence, Tom Wilkins and Lee Ward.

In the absence of Lynne Zebley, Kim Lawrence read the historian report.

A discussion about next year opened to the floor. Bruce Moran spoke and said this week was good for his family. Dean Perdue spoke and said there were some other family members that could have attended for next week but with the County Fair on that weekend there would still be a conflict. Cindy Pusey Cunningham spoke about tradition of using family names in future generations. Kevin Moran spoke and thanked those who manned the grill. He also spoke about possibly connecting reunion to the Fair for our younger children. Possibility of having activities for the children (moon bounce idea). Kristen Boyd suggested discussing with Donny Powell regarding Fair. Kevin questioned using the Pavilion at the fairgrounds in Pocomoke. Ginger Peretti is on the Fair Board and said she would discuss with Donnie about the Pavilion availability.

Kristen Boyd made the motion to have the reunion the first weekend in August (August 4th, 2014), Terri Lynn Perdue seconded this motion – voted and approved.

Cost of Pavilion discussed – Shad Landing \$180.00. Cindy Cunningham says we are okay for the next two years with this year's collection. Karen Harner made a motion to stay at Shad Landing, seconded by Brenda Beauchamp – with a request to investigate other options and cost.

Todd Pusey spoke about a project he has worked on looking into his family history. He is looking for the cemetery where Pusey's are buried. In the middle of farm field – grave stones need replacing – cemetery needs cleaning up. He was on the site where Pusey's lived for 150 years.

Jeff Lank discussed Mary Jane & Isaac Pusey pictures. Todd Pusey has had re-digitized and has the copies. Jeff also asked if anyone had a story about their heritage, he would love to have them speak.

Elections:

Historian – Todd Pusey – nominated by Kristen Boyd – seconded by Tom Wilcutts – voted and approved

Secretary – Marsha Hefton – nominated by Kevin Moran – seconded by Doloris Ward – voted and approved

Treasurer – Cindy Cunningham – nominated by Dean Perdue – seconded by Jim Pusey – voted and approved

Vice President – Kristin Boyd – nominated by Kevin Moran – seconded by Karen Harner – voted and approved

President – Jeff Lank – nominated by Kevin Moran – seconded by Dan Harner – voted and approved.

Focus by Jeff – stay in touch with family members and let's get the pavilion busting at the seams – let's grow the numbers.

After the meeting was adjourned we sang two verses of Blest Be the Tie that Binds – even though we voted for one verse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Moran Harner

(for Marsha Pusey Hefton)

Secretary