



## 75th Annual “Diamond Jubilee” Pusey Family Reunion

### Descendants of Isaac and Mary Jane Pusey

Minutes from Sunday, August 1, 2021

Spence Baptist Church Family Center - Snow Hill, MD

45 people in attendance.

As guests were checked in at the front table and given a name tag, they were also provided a program, a card to write their fondest memories and a test on the history of the Pusey family. They were greeted by a large gold, black & white balloon arch where photos could be taken. In addition, balloon clusters hung from the ceilings while gold and sparkles decorated the tables. Separate table full of historical photos, portraits, past minutes and memorabilia were displayed along the far wall. As in every year, 4-5 8' tables created one long buffet, which was filling up with the assorted homemade meals provided by attendees. Hand sanitizers were provided to assist in keeping everyone safe from the spread of Covid.

- 1) Reunion officially started at 1:55pm, called to order by Jeff Lank. Welcomed all attendees to this special reunion celebrating 75 years of family.
- 2) A group photo (selfie) was taken by Tina Lank.
- 3) Invocation led by Kevin Moran as he shared memories of three not with us today. He spoke of thankfulness of their heritage and ministry to us. A toast was given, followed by buffet luncheon.
- 4) Sounds of DJ, Scott Carroll's background music filled the air.
- 5) Kristen Boyd opened the meeting at 3:28pm. She welcomed everyone and was happy to see so many faces at this “Diamond Jubilee”.
- 6) Kristen Boyd related the loss of our family members by singing “My Tribute” from Hebrews 12. She told the story of how 3-4 churches sewed deep spiritual roots and became the Olivet Christian Church.
- 7) Tina Lank read the 2020 meeting minutes. Prior to today's celebration, an ad promoting the 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion was sent to the following newspapers: The Daily Times, Worchester County Times, Ocean Pines and Somerset Herald.
- 8) Jeff Lank showed a photo of Isaac & Mary Jane as well as an updated addendum of the Pusey Family History book, with digital access on [PuseyReunion.com](http://PuseyReunion.com). Thank you to Todd Pusey for your work on this!
- 9) Tina Lank read aloud “favorite memories” written down on cards by attendees. Laughs were shared and the stories of year's past inspired others to be told.
- 10) New Business – Jeff Lank shared pros & cons of returning to Shad State Park (costs are rising). Motioned by Frank White to have the 76<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Spence Baptist Church Family Center, seconded by Tom Wilcutts. Discussion: Lynn Zebley's son Justin offered to cover the cost of the Shad pavilion if approved to return there. Voting took place. Shad Landing – 2 votes, Spence – 25 votes. Approved to have a 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 1:30pm.
  - After much discussion about the next location, it was decided to return to Spence Baptist Church Family Center for the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 11) Collection was \$549.00

12) Newly Elected Council: Jeff Lank, Kristen Boyd, Todd Pusey, Tina Lank, Dean Perdue.

Unanimously approved.

13) Historian Report from Todd L. Pusey (unable to attend), read by Kristen Boyd:

- Deaths: Clarence Norman Moran, September 12, 2021 and Eugenia Rose (Hickman) Perdue, January 30, 2021.
- Births: James Liam Brandon, born January 16, 2021, son of Laura (Wilkins) Brandon and Dave Brandon, Jr.; Waylon Jack Pusey, born May 3, 2021, son of Taylor Brooke (Pusey) Lanham and Steven Allen Lanham, Jr.
- Marriages: Nick Bradley married Megan Pendleton April 10, 2021; Christopher Carroll married Rachael Pearly, June 26, 2021; Taylor Brooke Pusey married Steven Allen Lanham, Jr., October 16, 2021.

14) Special recognition given to those in attendance:

- First Timer – Buddy Shockley
- Renewed – Shelly Riley – last reunion over 20 years ago
- Youngest members – Amylia & Arianna Boyd age 16
- Furthest traveled – Tom Wilcutts, Scott & Hope Carroll from Bradenton & Lake City, FL
- Newest married – Jeff & Tina Lank - Jun 30, 2018
- Longest married – Buddy & Gale Shockley, 64 years
- Eldest member – Marie Bounds, age 91

15) Financial Report: 2020 balance forward: \$561.41+549.00 = \$1,110.41. A \$100 donation to Spence church for use of building was approved.

Shared praises and prayer requests among family. Doloris Ward wishes she could be here. She's been at every one since birth. Sharon Lloyd offered to take a centerpiece to her. Continue to pray for Kim Lawrence; she's been thru ordeals this year. Dean Pusey thanked everyone for the gifts, cards, prayers and love.

The beautiful fresh planters wrapped in gold foil placed as centerpieces on each table were given to one member of each table.

All sang "Blest Be The Tie that Binds" verses 1, 4 & 5 led by Kevin Moran. A prayer ended the reunion.

We are thankful....

to Phyllis Lank and Janet Carter for arranging the rental of beautiful Spence Baptist Church Family Center and all you do with the church.

to DJ Scott Carroll for providing lovely music throughout the reunion.

to Rhonda Lank for sharing her expertise in creating the beautiful balloon decorations.

to Kristen Boyd and Kevin Moran for sharing your voices in song.

to the Boyd girls for creating such lovely and delicious desserts.

to Kim Lawrence for taking photos.

to Dolores Ward for storing reunion bins in her garage and for ensuring there are always enough supplies.

to the entire council for your work throughout the year in making the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion a beautiful success!  
to the entire Pusey family for continuing to attend these reunions and carry on your love for each other.

Attendees:

Jeff & Tina Lank

Rhonda Hebbard

Mary Lank

Clarence Pilchard

Kristen Boyd

Bobby Boyd II

Arianna Boyd

Amylia Boyd

Phyllis Lank

Nick & Janet Carter

Scott & Hope Carroll

Tom & Beverly Wilcutts

Ginger Powell

Donnie Powell

Michael Draper

Brenda Draper

Frank & JoAnn White

Buddy & Gale Shockley

Shelly Riley

Dan & Karen Harner

Kevin & Melody Moran

Lynn Zebley

Taylor Zebley

Marie Bounds

Dean Perdue

Bert Perdue

Sharon Lloyd

Kim Lawrence

Frank White

Mary (White) Hensley

Joanne (Figgs) White

Cindy Morris

Brenda Taylor

Bill Beauchamp

Barbara Taylor

Betty Taylor

Chris Johnson