

## **HARPER FAMILY RECONNECTION MEETING NOTES** for: Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4pm on Zoom

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ATTENDING: Beverly Harper-MD, Billy Lee-NY, Cathy Harper Hogan-GA, Cynthia Ford-Davis-PA, Delores Harris-PA, Julia Wilkins-MD, Linda Edwards-PA, Lisa James-PA, Sekea Murray-DE, and Sylvia Ford-George-PA

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### **1. Harper Family Tree/Database:** Lead - Keisha Morris Dominguez-MD

Keisha is researching the software; getting familiar with operating info, reports and programs. Sylvia has started distribution of family tree information to family members for updating. **The goal is to complete the distribution by the end of February.**

### **2. Family Research**

Current family history will be updated with the review of database information. Continuing researching past family history where Sammy and FedX Billy left off (DNA/Genetic research and Genealogy research) needs to be explored. Janice Smith will inquire of people she knows. **Additional family resources are needed.**

### **3. Family Social Media:** Lead - Sekea Murray-DE

We currently have Facebook and Instagram pages, which are both private. Family members can be added and/or request access by contacting Sekea, Keisha or Sylvia. Twitter is being reviewed as a third social media account. **The goal is to engage family members more often by providing posts and seeking responses, at least every other week.**

### **4. Family Connections LLC:** Lead - Sylvia Ford-George-PA

The Family Connections LLC application will make it easier to plan and communicate reunion information. **The goal is to forward information to family members by the end of February.**

### **5. Harper Family Sunday Game Night:** Lead - Lisa James-PA

**Our first Family Game Night is Sunday, Jan 28th at 4pm.** Lisa has a number of games ready to be played. A Game Night invitation will be emailed to family members by Tuesday, and placed on our social media pages. We'll have three Family Game Night's and evaluate for any needed changes. The February date is the 25th. The March date will be decided during our February meeting.

### **6. Family Cabin Updates:** Lead – Sylvia Ford-George

There are no updates at this time.

- Harper Cabin: Brookside Nature Center – Wheaton, MD, Suzanne Bode, Program & Facility Manager
- Jones-Hall-Sims House – National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington DC, Paul Gardullo, Museum Curator

### **7. Harper Family Reunion** (when, where, what)

**We agreed to hold a one-day reunion this year.** At the next meeting we will discuss and make decisions on location and date. We were reminded to take into consideration the needs of family seniors. Weekly reminders will be forwarded to family members so that at the next meeting we'll have information from which to make a decision on.

## 8. Other

- Lisa suggested we have 20 minute discussions regarding retirement funding, investing, economics, (and what to do with deceased family members documents that should be *retained without end*, including birth certificates, diplomas, marriage certificates, etc.).
- Lisa also suggested we make another attempt at gathering family recipes.
- Lisa will provide information regarding Storyworth at the next meeting.

## 9. Family Updates

- Cynthia Ford-Davis-PA was commissioned a Deacon on Sunday, January 7th.
- Billy Roy-PA is going into ministry, training will be with Mt. Airy Church of God and Christ.

**10. Next meeting:** Sunday, February 18th – 4 PM