

Minutes of the 95th Reunion of the McWhorter Clan of West Virginia July 24,2022

The 95th Reunion of the McWhorter Clan of WV was held on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at the McWhorter U. M. Church in McWhorter, WV. Family and friends gathered at noon to share in fellowship and enjoy a bountiful buffet provided by the church.

Following lunch, the group reconvened in the sanctuary of the church for the program and business meeting. In the absence of officers, Cathy McWhorter Weber welcomed everyone to the reunion and introduced Eileen Johns, a local musician, who provided the program. Mrs. Johns lives in Berlin, WV, and sings under the banner of "óPrayzän Jesus!" She sang three contemporary Christian songs and was received with rousing approval from those gathered.

Special recognition of Jane Lewis and Mary Reel came next on the program. These ladies are among the few living family members who were "óMcWhorters from McWhorter." They have seen, heard, and lived through a significant portion of our family history and are treasures we cherish. Unfortunately, Jane and her daughter Del Brenn were unable to attend the reunion due to contracting Covid-19.

Cathy Weber also recognized members who were unable to attend the reunion, but who sent greetings. These include the following: Kerin Smith from Kansas; Priscilla Peterson from Maryland; Sherri McWhorter Reno from Virginia; Carol McWhorter Kustodowicz from Florida; Lisa and Rick Marlowe from Pennsylvania; Henry and Mary McWhorter from Illinois; Kathryn and John Vaughn from Clarksburg, WV; Yvonne Parsons from Florida; Mike and Michelle McWhorter from Missouri; Karen and Carl Ferguson from North Carolina; Jean Jawdat from Maryland; Betty and Randall Nicholson from Weston, WV; Kate Jacques from Kentucky; Susie Buellesbach from Florida; Celeste Hawley from Kansas; Doris Bumpas from Tennessee; and Jana and Bob Roberts from Pennsylvania.

Copies of minutes from last year's gathering were distributed to each attendee. There were no additions or corrections offered.

Susie Buellesbach, daughter of Bob McWhorter, sent a report on the McWhorter Cabin Fund. The balance on hand is \$6,330.93. Susie will remain in charge of these monies and will be in contact with Jackson's Mill to help insure the cabin's well-being.

Kate Jacques was in contact with Cathy Weber, and wishes to remain active in the reunion. She especially would like to continue her work with the cemetery, utilizing funds from the Cemetery Trust to do some repairs on some of the markers.

Celeste Hawley was also in contact. She is unable to hold an office, but she will continue to keep the genealogical records current.

There was no report from the McWhorter Cemetery Trust. The accountants who deal with the investments have changed their reporting methods, and nothing was available at this time. Cathy Weber will work with the bank to try to remedy this before the next reunion.

A list of births, deaths, and marriages was given in the program. These are attached (see Appendix A.) One addition to the births was noted. Ember Mae Reel was born on March 11, 2022. Her parents are Ethan and Samantha Reel. Her grandfather was the late Richard R óDickô Reel, and her great-grandmother is Mary Reel.

There was no old business to discuss.

The first order of business was election of new officers. After a brief discussion, the following were nominated, seconded, and duly elected: Eric Lewis, president; Eliza McWhorter Baker, vice-president; Cathy McWhorter Weber, secretary/treasurer.

In other new business, newly elected vice-president Eliza Baker announced the creation of the McWhorter Family Endowment as part of the West Virginia University Foundation. Dr. Julie Ann McWhorter established this fund to provide scholarships to local students who wish to pursue a career in a medical field. Anyone wishing to contribute can visit ***give.wvu.edu***, search for the McWhorter Family Endowment whose identification number is 3Z940, and complete the donation form. Julie Ann and Eliza are the daughters of the late Dr. John Henry McWhorter, in whose memory this endowment was created.

One last bit of business was a request from Kerin Smith regarding the availability of copies of pages from the Henry McWhorter Bible. If anyone has information, please let an officer know.

There being no further business to discuss, the gathering closed with óGod Be With You
ãil We Meet Again.ô

Respectfully,

Catherine McWhorter Weber

APPENDIX A

Births

Edith Grace Peterson, born November 16, 2021, to Adam Peterson and wife. Proud grandmother is Priscilla Fritter Peterson of Kensington, MC.

Marriages

Jason McWhorter Wells married Alexis Weaver on August 14, 2021. Jason is the son of Mary Ellen Lewis Wells and grandson of Jane McWhorter Lewis.

Deaths

Robert Samuel “Bob” McWhorter, son of the late Alonzo and Alice Johnston McWhorter, passed away on August 11, 2021, in Columbia, SC. Bob’s wife, Margery Ewart McWhorter, survives him.

Eula Faye Clements McWhorter passed away on March 5, 2022. Eula was the mother of Charles M óMikeô McWhorter of Salem, MO.

Kenneth Wayne “Kenny” McWhorter, son of the late Cletis J and Mary Haden McWhorter, passed away on May 2, 2022, in St. Louis, MO. Kenny is survived by his wife, Mary Buck McWhorter.

Helen Ruth McWhorter Corder, daughter of the late Nathan and Dora Ramsburg McWhorter, passed away on July 5, 2022. Ruth was the sister of Mary McWhorter Reel and the late James G McWhorter and William D McWhorter.