

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION  
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 4:00 p.m. ON 2 December 1972 AT THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, and Joy M. Belnap. Walter B. Kerr was present for Knight B. Kerr. Helene K. Smith and Knight B. Kerr were excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

President Richard conducted and welcomed all present. He stated that the funds for Frank Smith are down to \$20 and if we are to continue our research in England, we need to send him another \$200 as per our commitment. Gordon moved that the Family Organization continue their research and forward another \$200 to Brother Smith. Dean seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

The cost of the "Crier" was discussed. Costs are rising and less people are paying for their copy. If we stay with our commitment to Brother Smith of \$200 every quarter, more financial support is needed. The money the "Crier" is taking in is not enough. Della suggested that the names of those who are not paying for their copy of the "Crier" be taken off the mailing list. Gordon felt just the opposite. He said you never know who you will touch or when you will spark an interest in genealogy or the Family and felt that all should continue to receive the "Crier". Joy suggested that some desire the "Crier" but presently feel they could not afford it. Dean made the motion to send the "Crier" to everyone on the mailing list and keep it at the same price. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. No one opposed the motion after all ideas were presented. Rather than raise the price of the "Crier", it was suggested that it be cut down a few pages to cut costs. Della mentioned that the direct line should be corrected from Henry Belnap to Lawrence Belnap and put into the "Crier".

Richard will draft a letter and have it printed to thank the Family members for their support and to remind them of their obligation to pay for their "Crier".

As discussed in the past, the possibility of having regional reunions and regional representatives was reviewed, thereby encouraging more participation and Family unity. Gordon suggested that the Family has outgrown its present organization because the families are getting too scattered around the country. Certain parts of the Family will never be included in a reunion due to traveling conditions if they are always held in Utah and Idaho. He felt they should be held in opposite years in four or five different locations, such as Idaho, Southern California, Arizona, Mid-West and East, so that those members of the Family can feel part of the organization as a whole. Dean moved to have the present officer system remain; in 1973 have 15 sub-Family reunions (each individual child of Gilbert); and in 1974 experiment with four, five or six regional reunions and to appoint a regional chairman to work with the officers of the Central presidency. Balloting could possibly be done by mail. Gordon seconded the motion and all approved. In order to be effective in this, all Family Representatives will have to complete their mailing lists of their immediate families and account for all children, grandchildren, etc. and send them to the Family Organization. All married children or the age of 18 and over should be included on the mailing list.

At this time the meeting proceeded into the FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

Representatives present: Alpha Crow for Lola  
Evelyn Galloway for Reuben  
H. Lynn Belnap for Oliver  
David Evan Belnap for Amasa  
Richard Belnap for Vinson

President Richard stressed the importance of keeping a current list of names and addresses of each family. He asked each representative to find out if there are any on their list who do not want the "Crier", but to encourage them to receive it. We need financial support from the "Crier" as well as other donations to the Family Organization. Please find out who are not being accounted for, such as married children of relatives. Turn in your lists so we can include them on our mailing list. Also identify them by family as to grandchild, great grandchild, etc. so we know how they tie in. Richard showed them an example of his family how this can be done. We need them as soon as possible for the next "Crier", preferably by January 1, 1973. Gordon mentioned that from a census standpoint all adults over 18 or married should be on the "Crier" mailing list as they will become adult families. Dean mentioned that this is now the Church procedure. The Family Representatives were given the assignment to do this for the Organization and identify what family they come under.

Gordon mentioned he would like to follow up in the "Crier" one more generation down from Gilbert. Many, many names are missing.

Richard proposed a new numbering system. He will have one set up by the next meeting. This will help bring in the younger generations.

Some of the present Family Representatives need to be replaced - either because of age or lack of interest they are not participating.

The concept of holding Family reunions on a regional basis was explained as is previously stated above. There was interest shown in having four or five different locations in order to accommodate more Family members.

President Richard explained that we are hurting financially. The "Crier" is not bringing in the needed funds for our commitment of \$200 per quarter for research in England, over and above the costs of printing and mailing the "Crier".

Suggestions concerning information to be included in the "Crier" such as more histories and more vital statistics. Dean brought out some very good points regarding building family histories and information for future generations updating direct lines, not collateral lines.

Dean mentioned he would like to set a five-year goal to get out a hard-bound volume of the Belnap Family at his expense to be in all libraries of the Church. All Family members would help to compile information.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap