

**MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP AT 8:00 p.m. on
November 15, 1974**

ATTENDEES: W. Dean Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr.

OPENING PRAYER: Max G. Belnap

President Dean brought us up-to-date on his book. The Century type style for his book was shown. He said the book would be to the printer by Wednesday or Thursday of next week. He said the cost of the book would be \$10,500 to \$11,000 and would be finished by December 15. About 500 copies will be bound at a cost of \$25, which will bring in \$12,500 with cellophane additional. He will keep 100 in reserve not bound. Volume I will have 550 pages. He needs \$4,500 more money by Wednesday.

Dean suggested a Christmas letter be sent by December 1, which he will take care of. A new address listing to be sent to Claude Mills for name labels. He wants to push the book in a letter to go out immediately. Dean suggested rather than the original idea of the book, have a prototype of what each of the 15 sub-families should be doing on their own—not give them a Book of Remembrance. If we compiled everything Della has on hand (5 books) would be less useful to the family. He suggested microfilming and giving it to all branch libraries, rather than each family. Then anyone interested could have it available—about 100,000 pages. He mentioned a corporation called the New Agency Institute of Family Research. This takes in all professional genealogists—Frank Smith and David Gardner, fee \$5.00 per hour—Bloomfield Group and BYU Groups.

Dean moved to have Della's material microfilmed along with Carroll Belknap's records as previously mentioned. Gordon seconded the motion. Della needs help and he suggested bringing in the new agency. This will be brought up with the family representatives.

We need to push family reunions this next year with all the 15 sub-families on their own as it is an opposite year to the Gilbert Belnap reunion.

Changes are to be made in the family representatives as follows: Augustus—Joseph Francis Belnap elected as family representative to replace Vaughn L. Belnap. Meet with family reps the summer of 1975 to bring up the idea again of having area reunions. Max to contact Hal Stoddard for Isadora's line to see if he wants to continue. Also Fern Palmer for Mary's line. Martha Jane's line is weak. Dean to contact Dian M. Roberts and her sister Bernice Dunford (Ethe1 McEntire's daughters) to help. Adaline's line—Zeruah L. Thomson has been ill. Dean will call her. Oliver's line—Lynn Belnap will be replaced this next summer. Reuben's line—Evelyn Galloway will be called by Dean. Richard to remain for Vinson. Kenneth Lee Belnap to be called by Dean on William James's line. Knight to call Alpha Crow for Lola's line. Della to talk to Howard Belnap for Joseph's line.

IRS needs specific name for tax purposes. Must change our name to read “Gilbert Belnap Family Organization” from present of “Belnap Family Organization.” Checks will have to be changed. Knight moved to accomplish this and Della seconded the motion.

Knight reported on a new finding of the Church. A new publication “The Journal of Mormon History”, Volume I-No. 1, the first issue has an article by Michael Quinn about Vinson Knight as being the first presiding bishop of the Church and how it came about. This publication is an annual journal and newsletter and to receive a copy the dues are \$4.00 per year. He mentioned if anyone was interested to contact the Mormon History Association with Kenneth Godfrey as secretary, 1302 Edvalson, Ogden, Utah, 84403. The editor is Richard Sadler of Weber State College. Knight also mentioned that Weber State College wants to specialize in Weber County histories.

Next meeting will be held in January.

CLOSING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 10:25 p.m.

Miscellaneous Note: Chishall Manor Belknaps—original people now presently in England. Not Sawbridgeworth Belnaps. Northwest portion of Hertfordshire.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap