

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers and Family Representatives was held November 6, 1976 at the home of President Knight B. Kerr at 1:00 p.m.

Those present were: Knight B. Kerr, Alpha Crow, Allan Crow (Alpha's husband), Kenneth Lee Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Brent Belnap (Gordon's son), Hal R. Belnap, Helene K. Smith, Max G. Belnap, Della A. Belnap and Carol Belnap (Della's neice).

Excused: Edith Ward, Ronald F. Belnap and W. Dean Belnap. The rest were not reported or represented.

The opening prayer was given by Max G. Belnap. President Knight welcomed all present. Joy read the minutes of the October 8, 1976 meeting and they were approved.

Della explained what the Carroll Y. Belknap records were. He has recently died and has a vast amount of Belnap-Belknap records which our Organization would like to have.

Hal discussed how to go about updating the family records, not only for ourselves, but as their priesthood assignment for the Church. He passed each one a copy of a family group sheet and instructions on how to fill one out. Many helpful ideas were discussed. Also the procedure was given on how to submit sheets to the Genealogical Society of the Church.

Gordon suggested having each Family Representative have his (or her) own copy of his particular family line so he knows what has been done and where they need to go from there. This idea was accepted by the Representatives because at this point they don't know where to begin.

Gordon and Joy to reproduce a copy of what the Belnap Family now has and get it to each representative.

Claude Mills to be asked to reproduce computer listing and addresses of all descendants and update them.

President Knight referred to the Book account loan of \$8,000. Ideas were discussed as to how to instill interest in the family members to purchase the book. Family representatives were asked to set a goal to sell 5 more per each family line this year. Max suggested family representatives assign a sales representative in each line to push the sale of the book and to advertise what is available. Max will take the Francis line himself and guarantee the sale of 10 books.

Gordon and Richard to get the flyer drafted and printed to send to the family members by Thanksgiving.

Hal assessed the last reunion. Very successful but the feeling was to hold it all in one day. The groups were different Friday night from Saturday. The barbecue was very successful Friday night (250 people). The breakfast the next morning was not too successful. Throughout the day more came. Figure about 350 in all attended. That is only about 8% of the family members. It was proposed we have it on one day next time, possibly begin at noon with lunch, then program, then finish the evening with possibly another barbeque and dance. Or begin at 2:00 and continue. More planning on this later. It could possibly be held again in Hooper. Seem to have a better turnout when it is held in Utah than in Idaho. A tentative date was set at Saturday, August 12, 1978. Minimize entertainment and maximize genealogical material.

Families were encouraged to hold their reunions on the odd-numbered years.

Helene spoke on getting histories in from family members. This also to be included in the letter to be sent out before the holidays.

Max brought up a letter that several of the family members have received from a man in Provo who claims to have Belnap information for sale. We have everything he has for sale. His price is \$60 - our price is \$10. Della showed our packet and pedigree chart of just what we have. He only reproduces what is already on file in the genealogical society records. We have corrected and updated our material that he probably isn't even aware of. We hope family members haven't or will not be taken in by it. Our letter to the family should also make mention of this so they won't be deceived.

Research on the grandmother lines was discussed. More work needs to be done.

Max read a recount of a dream of former family president, Lorenzo Belnap, concerning how the family is all tied together and our responsibilities to them. This was written in 1965.

The closing prayer was offered by Carol Belnap at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap