

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers was held January 12, 1980 at the home of Hal Belnap in Bountiful at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were: Max G. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Wilford Belnap, W. Dean Belnap, Phil McMullin, Maxine Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Della A. Belnap.

Excused were: LaGrande H. Belnap and Keith Belnap.

The opening prayer was offered by Gordon L. Belnap. President Max G. Belnap conducted the meeting.

President Max has drafted a letter to be sent only to the Family Representatives concerning the documented family group sheets. He read it to the group for approval. It was decided by the group to send this letter to all Family members and not just the Representatives. Max will rewrite the letter accordingly and see that it gets out.

A special guest invited by Dean Belnap, Phil McMullin of the Institute of Family Research, Inc., was introduced to the group. Brother McMullin explained that most people do not think of the family organization in a broad enough sense - the Family of Man, which ^{is} a huge organization, all related to each other. Brother McMullin explained the computer print out program his company has and showed an example of part of the Packer Family and how it shows each generation from the original immigrant down to the present child. Three families are in a pilot program and he invited the Belnap Family to participate in this program that would be prepared for the Church to review. He indicated that on page 44 of the booklet, "A Nobel Son: Spencer W. Kimball", that the family of President Kimball ties into the Belnap Family and are cousins. This means that the Belnap Family has done work for the Kimball Family and President Kimball wasn't even aware of it. The Institute of Family Research, Inc. is a non-profit company that acts as a clearing house for family records. They put it on micro-fisch and send information to branch libraries. This also includes non-member families. This program is not an official program of the Church, but one the Church would like to have. He suggested the Belnap Family be an advanced guinea pig for a study that he could take to the Church and show what well-organized families can accomplish. About 8 people are needed to set this program up: one person who can coordinate the project for about 2-3 months and have an assistant with genealogical experience to give their time on the CRT and program the information into the computer. He and Gordon talked about the mechanics of the hardware and the language the program is written in and just what the machine can do. Dean mentioned this would be a real service to the Church as well as to the Belnap Family. Max felt this program would speed up our objective of getting our information done. More discussion will be done on this before any decisions are made. Brother McMullin left about 8:30.

It was felt by those present this would be a good step for the Family to take and the cost will be about \$250, depending on the set up. Dean suggested a meeting inviting the Family Representatives to present the information to them for their ideas and acceptance. Gordon suggested we be a pioneer in this field and go ahead and do it. Gordon motioned we do it and Hal seconded it. Max felt the Family Representatives should be counted in on the vote. The decision

should be positive, Gordon said, as we here are the governing body. It was voted all in favor of those present to get involved in the program.

Gordon reviewed the financial statement. He suggested that Dean be paid the money from the savings account on the book and that the Family authorize this. Max accepted the financial statement and approved payment be made to Dean. The Gilbert Belnap marker at the Ogden Cemetery has been re-engraved and the ball permanently placed back in place. The bill for \$448.00 to Bott's will be paid.

Gordon reviewed plans for the coming reunion. Several family members have indicated they do not want it to be held in Hooper again. A place needs to be decided upon. Many locations were suggested. The Institute at Weber State College or Ogden High School were pinpointed. Max suggested to compare prices to rent the facilities. Most present felt Weber State College to be the best location. Tentative date set for the reunion was August 9, 1980, on a Saturday. The World Record Conference is August 12-15, 1980, so we want to avoid that date.

A letter to invite the Family Representatives to visit the Institute of Family Research to view the program will be written and sent after Max can confirm a definite time and day for this. It was tentatively set for January 26, 1980 (Saturday) at around 1:00 p.m.

Crier material was discussed. The four generation sheets will be printed since they have been documented. This would be about 6 sheets. Then other information that we have accumulated will be included.

Claude Mills needs to be notified for a mailing listing. He was not at home when called.

The closing prayer was given by Hal R. Belnap at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap