

**BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
Home of Gordon and Joy Belnap, Ogden, Utah
Saturday, February 17, 1996, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

14 present: Officers: Brent J. Belnap (president), Steven Belnap (historian), Joy M. Belnap (treasurer), and Gordon L. Belnap. Representatives: Les Hill (Reuben), A. Kay Belnap and Pat B. Belnap (Joseph), Glenda Guinn and Dorothy Harper (Martha Jane), Don Eric Belnap (Hyrum), Richard D. Belnap (Vinson), Vard and Lois Goodmansen (Lola), and W. Dean Belnap (Oliver).

President Brent Belnap welcomed all present and called on Richard Belnap to offer the invocation.

The first item to be discussed was the upcoming reunion in August 1996. The deadline for a flyer announcing the reunion to be no later than March 31, 1996. Reprs encouraged to get their updated address lists to Steven by this time.

The place for the reunion will be the same as the 1994 reunion in Kaysville, Utah. The theme: "The Belnaps and Utah: An Uncommon Heritage" will tie in with Utah's Centennial celebrations this year. All agreed on the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The morning meeting from 10:00 a.m. until noon to be held in the Old Tabernacle Chapel. Opening prayer will be offered by Don Eric Belnap and the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Les Hill. The main speaker for the morning meeting will be former general authority Francis M. Gibbons. He has been invited and has accepted. He is a relative to the Belnap Family. It was suggested having a nursery for this two-hour meeting in the morning. Pat Johnson said she will get her daughters to help with this. Glenda said she has one grand-daughter who she will ask to help.

After lunch, which will be held in the park across the street, adults may return to the cultural hall in the Old Tabernacle for exhibits, sales, etc. Afternoon games were discussed. It was decided not to be so structured for the younger generations. Glenda said she would arrange a game for the children under ten years. Don Eric suggested having an ongoing volleyball game for anyone interested. Brent will contact Bud Belnap for equipment.

The mention of having a bazaar with family members donating handmade and homemade items to be for sale or auctioned off created interest. Items that could be used were discussed by the group. Les suggested having quilts (or quilt blocks) made from pictures of family groups, places, etc. He has a method at his workplace to do this. Glenda and Steven will get pictures to him. A lot of interest was shown for doing pillows as well as quilts. Also it was decided to have a centennial display of items from Belnap families that tied into Utah's statehood.

Other items that might be for sale are baseball cards, blazer patches, T-shirts and things of this nature. Brent will call Boyd in Florida about the baseball cards, Richard will take charge of the patches, Brian and Gordon to do the T-shirts and choose some articles to be given away as doorprizes and freebees. Brent will do the publicity with two flyers and special assignments.

A temple session to be held the night before on Friday was planned. Richard said the Salt

Lake Temple has an 8:00 p.m. session. It would be nice if all family members desiring to attend would be together in the same session. Richard will look into reserving the temple cafeteria for the possibility of having dinner there as a group before the session. Les suggested these items would have to be handled with an RSVP from one of the flyers Brent will send out indicating interest in only a temple session or a temple session and dinner.

Les Hill will get a photographer for a Family Portrait as well as a roving photographer for candid pictures throughout the reunion.

Further assignments to be handled by Reps: Oliver: Brent asked if Dean and the Oliver line could take care of the setting up of chairs, tables, etc. Dean mentioned that he and his family will be out of town during this period, but that he will ask his brother Hal to do it. Dean has already cleared the building and reserved it for us that day. Amasa: Brent will contact Edith Ward for her family to be responsible for clean-up. Martha Jane: It was decided we need two registration tables to move it along faster. Glenda and Dorothy said they would be happy to work at the tables. Strategic placing of tables was discussed to alleviate the bottleneck that occurred last time. Vinson: Richard accepted the assignment for refreshments (drinks and dessert) furnished by the Belnap Family.

During the discussion of nominating new officers for 1996-1998 a new idea was presented by past president Gordon L. Belnap. He recommended changing the by-laws (which he originally set up when he was president) to meet the current needs of the Belnap family. The family has grown and numerous vice presidents are no longer effective. The Organization should be changed to consist of a council consisting of a representative from the 15 family representatives. From the council the chairman (president) and co-chairman (vice president) be selected. Brent Belnap reminded that to be a corporation and non-profit organization there needs to be a president and secretary.

It was moved by Dean Belnap and seconded by Richard Belnap to change the by-laws with the council consisting of the 15 family representatives and the chairman (president) to be elected from the council. The council to appoint a secretary, treasurer and historian.

Dorothy Harper nominated Les Hill to serve as Chairman (President). Voting was unanimous. Les Hill suggested that Dean Belnap serve as Vice-Chairman. All voted in favor. Richard Belnap motioned the secretary and treasurer be combined into one position. Joy Belnap was asked if she would accept the position of secretary and treasurer. She accepted. Steven Belnap was asked to remain on as historian. Brent Belnap was asked to remain as Editor of the Crier and updating the genealogy computer disk. All voted in favor of these new changes.

Dean accepted the appointment to be the voting family representative for the Oliver line. Pat Johnson will assist her father, A. Kay Belnap, on the Joseph line.

The existing Belnap Family slate of officers will remain until the reunion in August 1996.

Another important deadline is for the 1996 Crier. All information should be received no later than April 30, 1996 for inclusion and publication by June 30, 1996. Reps should send in their

vital statistics, individual reunion announcements, articles, etc., if they expect to have them appear in the Crier.

Joy presented a financial report and status of the special projects. Much more money is needed. Don Eric suggested assessing each family line to raise \$100.00. Much more work is needed for the John McBride Belnap marker. Brent distributed a flyer outlining what has been done towards a location, type of marker, etc., and what is still needed. There are pledges totaling more than \$2,500. Work will commence immediately on the marker.

Ruth White confirmed the Daughters of Utah Pioneers are still interested and hopeful to have the Belnap cabin placed behind their museum in Ogden. Pledges of more than \$10,000 have been received from two descendants. Work to commence on the restoration of the cabin.

Brent mentioned the next meeting for the officers and reps will be at 4:00 p.m. August 10 immediately following the 1996 reunion. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Pat Johnson offered the benediction.

Joy M. Belnap, Acting Secretary

cc: All Belnap Family Officers
All Belnap Family Representatives