

## Minutes of Belnap Family Organization Conference Call

October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m

- On line: Joy Belnap, Glenda Guinn, Steven Belnap, Wes Cox, Pat Johnson, Florence Ilene Ward, Edith Ward, and Jim Belnap.

-Prayer by Glenda Guinn

-Wes Cox thanked Glenda Guinn and Florence Ilene Ward for services in the past as officers.

-Wes Cox welcomed new officers and representatives, Pat Johnson (Secretary), Jim Belnap (William James), Larry Julian (Amasa), Candice Symons (Adaline Lorinda) and Lynn Belnap (Oliver).

-Wes Cox asked for suggestions for vacancies in family representatives for Augustus Weber, Mary Louise, and Isadora.

-Florence Ilene said that she would contact Emery Wiser and Gary Shenton in the Mary Louise family and see if they would be willing to be active representatives.

-Glenda said that Mark Goodmansen (BFO Genealogist) is inactive because of illness. Loanne Bartholomew may be on a mission and is inactive as a representative for Augustus Weber.

-Pat suggested looking on the reunion registration roll and calling representatives from the ones that made the effort to come to the reunion.

-Next conference call is set for 6:30 p.m. on November 18<sup>th</sup> with no meeting scheduled in December.

-Reunion review: Wes thanked everyone for their help at the reunion. All the efforts were appreciated and made it a successful reunion. Wes said that there were 240-250 people at the reunion as a close estimate. On the plus side, many came because of the park attractions and free dinner. We had 200 sign up for dinner and we fed many more, running out of food. On the minus side, many only came for the dinner and did not mingle at the pavilion. Also on the minus side, the pavilion was too far to walk for many with health problems.

-Joy Belnap gave a report on the finances of the reunion. She will submit a report with the details. The net result was a \$878.67 deficit in cash since the first of the year. The bank balance as of Jan. 2008 was \$5386.66. The current bank balance is \$4507.99. Gordon Belnap, Mortgage Computer, contributed \$1,050.00 in postage for mailing the flyers. Joy plans to reimburse MC for some of the postage.

-Wes was pleased not to go in the red too much for the 2008 reunion and felt confident about money available to plan a nice reunion for 2010.

-Suggested themes and locations for reunion 2010:

Glenda suggested a theme based on Gilbert's two wives. In the past, the reunion has centered on Gilbert. More could be learned from the grandmothers – stories, recipes, aprons.

Locations – It is hot in Utah in August and all agreed that a location needed to be cool and shady. Glenda suggested two places in Ogden Canyon. Huntsville is a good location because of cooler weather, a nice stake house and pavilion. The building can be reserved with little cost. There was a nice turnout the last time the reunion was held in Huntsville. We will not be able to reserve the building until January 2010.

The second location was the Roy stake camp and lodge near Wolf Creek, Ogden Canyon. It is on a river (children will need to be supervised) and has a large lodge, kitchen, and outdoor seating area for big groups. Glenda can reserve it as a member of the Roy stake. It can not be reserved until January 2010.

Wes suggested "This is the Place Heritage Park." The bowery costs \$800.00 to reserve, but the first 150 people get free admission. It holds 400-500 people. There are many pioneer activities and a train tour of the park. The only shade is under the bowery.

Special projects: Wes suggested three possible projects.

1. Early Ogden history – research to be done and presented to Ogden City to shed light about early history town councils and Gilbert Belnap as city marshal.
2. Research to search out co-lateral relatives of Gilbert. For example, researching the father of Gilbert for a wider net of descendants.
3. A research blog for the Belnap genealogy and histories. Jim Belnap listed some examples and possibilities of a blog.

Joy asked if anyone knew who was responsible for a new headstone for Abigail Mead Belnap in the Ogden cemetery. Joy said that there is a book identifying the Belnaps buried in the Ogden cemetery.

Florence asked about researching copies of wills.

At 8:00 p.m. the conference call concluded with a prayer by Florence Ilene Ward. Next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. MDT on November 18, 2008.