

Belnap Family Organization Minutes
October 27, 2010

On-line: Pat Johnson, Jim Marriott, Audrey Hobson, Loanne Bartholomew, Jim Belnap, Lynn Belnap, Diana Schultz, Brent Belnap, Joy Belnap, Ben Reeves. Excused: John Wiser

Opening Prayer: Lynn Belnap

The conference call started a little late at 7:45. (Stay on hold until the moderator comes on if it happens again on the next call).

Discussion:

Joy reported an update on Crier sales. The Crier is published every 2 years at the time of the reunion. Sales are down from previous years. The balance in the account is \$2407.16.

Isadora does not have a representative. All other children of Gilbert have representatives.

Brent Belnap: The Gilbert Belnap (belnapfamily.org) website gets 800-1,000 hits/day. Brent owns the domain and updates it as he has time. His brother, Brian, owns the domain of belnapfamily.net, but has not updated it for some time.

Brent suggested upgrades to the belnapfamily.org website to include a way to register online, pay for family store items online, purchase Criers online, so that it would be easier for the 10,000 descendants to get information. Old Criers are in a pdf file on the website. Information has to be confidential on the living as registration is done. On-line access is the way of the future for the next generation. We will have to hire someone to update the website to allow for pay-pal and other improvements. Brent will get some estimates. He does not have the time or technical expertise to do it himself.

Joy said that the current data of approximately 1300 descendants is on an old computer and a "computer hiccup" away of being lost. Joy asked for a volunteer to take over the data collection and storage. (Joy will ask Steve to remove the name of James Gilbert Lewis, Jr. – related to Nellie Belnap - from the data as per his telephone request to be removed).

Jim Marriott was supportive of fund-raising to come up with the money for the improvements to the website. We need to move forward before the data is lost.

The BFO is current with the tax exempt status Brent filed recently. We are grand-fathered under an old ordinance. An annual report and IRS filing needs to be done each year. The mailing goes to Joy as Treasurer. BFO can earn no more than \$25,000 per year.

Recap of reunion in Eden – good job and thanks.

Ben Reeves said that the church house in Lava Hot Springs can't be scheduled yet – the location of the BFO reunion for 2012.

Quilt donation in the church news – Adaline/Martha McBride quilt top was donated to the church museum and will be on display. The quilt has been in the descendants of the Adaline Lorinda family and was inspected by the textile conservation experts of the church and placed in the church historical center.

Pat reported that she has a copy of the BFO mission statement and will email it out.

Original Hyrum Belnap's journal is currently being digitized.

Lynn Belnap asked how to digitize books. There is a book company in Kansas City, Missouri. Also UMI out of Michigan. If records or pictures are digitized by the church, they will give you a CD of the materials back.

There is a company online that prints high quality ties with the coat of arms – great for missionaries or gifts. There is a set up fee of \$100.00 and then a minimum printing of ties. They would range from \$12-\$30.00 each, depending on the quantity.

Jim Marriott would like us to send pictures of ourselves so that we can visualize who we are talking to during the conference calls. Email to Pat at johnsonsinorem@yahoo.com.

Closing prayer: Ben Reeves

Next conference call: January 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm MST. Call 1-888-276-0347, participant code 33844552 followed by # sign.