

Minutes: Belnap Family Organization
Conference Call - January 12, 2011

On-Line: Jim Marriott, Raymond VanderDoes, Florence Ilene Ward, Edith Ward, John Wisner, Sam Reeves, Ben Reeves, Audrey Hobson, Candice Symons

Excused: Steven Belnap, Diana Schultz, Brent Belnap

Opening prayer: Florence Ilene Ward

Welcome by Jim Marriott and inquiry about the health of Steven Belnap. Our prayers continue to be with him and his family as he is critically ill and in the hospital.

Discussion:

Is there an interest in purchasing ties or scarves with the Belnap coat of arms printed on them to sell at the next reunion? Our assignment is to look at the website at www.designyourtie.com and make comments at the next conference call.

Edith asked if anyone has been in contact with the Dixons from England? Brent is currently on business in England and spending time with them and also visited with them last fall at their home. Brent will have an update and pictures for us later.

Jim asked if anyone knows of a representative willing to fill the vacancy in Isadora's line. Pat will send out current lists of the officers and representatives. Jim would like pictures of us by our names so that he can picture us as we conference call.

Discussion about the mission statement – are we fulfilling the guidelines?

Raymond asked what are the responsibilities of the representatives? Jim and others replied: 1. Look for descendants and try to keep in touch with your line 2. Help sponsor and hold a reunion every 2 years 3. Contribute articles to the Crier – the Crier is sold as a fund raiser to support the reunions and also to provide current histories and information to the family. 4. Direct inquiries about research to what has been done to stop duplications (Gilbert's work has been done many times).

Candice is a family history consultant and gave information about researching on New Family Search.

Reunion 2012 will be in Lava Hot Springs. Candice said that it is a resort town and the population swells from 600 to thousands overnight. Arrangements will need to be made in advance. Jim said that he would call her and ask for options. Candice said her cell # is (208) 221-7507.

Electronic data base discussion: Brent sent an email to us about a way to register people. Several expressed concern about too much information out there about the "living". Jim said that he printed it out in hard copy and then filled it out. He emailed a couple of suggestions to Brent. He also wondered if you filled it out and then entered your name again, would you be out there twice? Ben said that it

looked to be a beta test run to see if it would work. Since it was a google document, it should be secure. We will continue the discussion when Brent is on line.

Jim asked if any one knew how to contact the Coles in the Gilbert Rosel Belnap line. Sarah Jane Cole and Gilbert Rosel had a son, Charles Martin. Jim would like to contact that family.

Audrey commented on a memorial speech by President Obama on behalf of the Arizona tragedy. It was a speech meant to unite and calm the nation.

Closing prayer: Edith Ward

Next conference call: mid April 2011 – Pat will send out an email.