

Belnap Family Organization Minutes
Conference Call on August 24, 2011

Online: Brent Belnap, Florence Ilene Ward, Pat Johnson, Raymond VanderDoes, Ben Reeves, Sam Reeves, Loanne Bartholomew, Edith Ward, Candice Symons, John Wisner, Lois Goodmansen, Lynn Belnap.

Excused: Jim Marriott (getting remarried – congratulations!)

Opening Prayer: Edith Ward

Minutes from April 27, 2011 were approved.

Family Business:

Upgrade for Gilbert Belnap website: Brent Belnap forwarded emails to us regarding the proposal of Jeff Lewis to upgrade the website, including capability for pay pal, on-site registration, etc. The work would cost about \$2500.00, which is substantially cheaper than other quotes. A vote was taken of the representatives on-line whether to approve the work. All agreed, with no objection. The money will be paid from the organization funds, but will need to be replaced with donations. In a previous conference call, Jim Marriott and Pat Johnson pledged donations and will send them in now. All donations should be mailed to **Joy Belnap, Treasurer. Her address is 1592 Oakcrest Dr., Ogden, UT 84403.**

Representatives were encouraged to ask family members for donations – any amount would be appreciated. It will be difficult to fund the reunion without replacing the money in the account.

Raymond asked about the Heritage with Honor book and would like to see one on the shelf at the Ogden History library. It is out of print, but Brent suggested contacting Dean Belnap to see if he would donate one: Dean Belnap at 801 544-4644. Brent also reported about Dean Belnap's project to digitize Abraham Belnap's records.

Fundraiser BFO ties: Loanne Bartholomew reported her research of the silk ties with the Belnap crest. She emailed a sample picture to the representatives. A vote was taken to move ahead with the order – all agreed with no objection. Brent thinks he can send a crisper image of the crest to the printer. It was preferred to have a plain tie in a basic light gray. Loanne will check to see if a variety of tie colors can be done. The tie will cost about \$15.00 each if we order 100.

2012 Reunion: Candice Symons reported that she asked her church building schedulers to “pencil” in our request for the church on August 11, 2012. The official paperwork and schedule cannot be done until January 2012.

Ideas were discussed about ways to put on a “fun” reunion for the next generation: activities to win a prize, raffles, family history quiz in game show format, essay contests, fun activities at Lava Hot Springs, tours, etc. Brent offered to do a presentation in a power point about the update to the Gilbert Belnap website.

Possible theme: “What have the Belnap descendants done with my name”. Recognize stalwart Belnaps.

Assignment for next conference call: Officers and representatives are each to thoughtfully consider ideas for a successful reunion such as:

1. what classes could be offered
2. what activities would interest the younger generation
3. if each representative was asked to set up and man a booth, what would you do in your booth -
4. what do you prefer to do about lunch
5. format as in the past with a general meeting and then classes or something different
6. fund raiser ideas such as an old fashioned quilt raffle

Each representative will be given time to present ideas at the next conference call. By January, it will be necessary to have a concrete outline of the reunion.

Conclusion: Inquiries about health of Steve Belnap & Joy. Also, Raymond reported his new diagnosis of cancer. We send them our love and best wishes.

Closing prayer – Florence Ilene Ward

Next conference call – January 2012