

Belnap Family Organization Minutes
Conference Call on April 13, 2016

Participants Online: Pat Johnson (Joseph), Ray VanderDoes (Reuben), Gordon and Sharon Belnap (Hyrum), John Wiser (Mary Louisa), Loanne Bartholomew (Augustus Weber), Mark Goodmansen (Lola Almira), Brent Belnap (Hyrum), Ashley Belnap (Oliver), Jim Marriott (Gilbert Rosel), Larry Julian (Amasa)

Conference call began at 8:00 p.m. on April 13, 2016. Opening prayer by Mark Goodmansen. Brent Belnap conducted the conference call in the absence of President Diana Schultz.

Welcome to new representatives: Ashley Belnap for the Oliver branch, Kirk Belnap for Francis Marion, and Larry Julian for the Amasa branch.

Jim Marriott was reaching out to a possible representative for the Isadora line. Other people to contact: Connie Bingham on the Reuben line (Miskin relative). Carey Scott (father is Stuart Scott in Moscow, ID) on the Gilbert Rosel line.

Reports on locations for 2016 reunion:

Mark Goodmansen – Researched a location in south Salt Lake County and reported about a church in West Jordan at 7900 South Redwood with a nice pavilion, park, and playground.

Pat Johnson – Researched a church location in Heber City. Becky Belnap Maynard of the Joseph line lives in the Daniels 2nd ward and could get the reservation for either the stake center or their ward building. The stake center would be a better choice with a nice pavilion and play area. The depot for the Heber Creeper Railroad is nearby and an option for reunion participants to ride the 3:00 p.m. Deer Creek Express. Ruled out options of Vivian Park and So Park Canyon pavilion because of no indoor facilities for classes. Sundance and Aspen Lodge were not available for our date and also too expensive. Ashley Belnap suggested the stake center on Canyon Road in Provo as an alternative.

Jim Marriott – Researched the Huntsville area. The church near the park in Huntsville Square in the middle of town has 2 pavilions and is shady with pine trees. Would be cool and convenient. The lake nearby would be an attraction for boaters. Huntsville is less than a ½ hour drive from Ogden. Jim will also check on the availability of the church campground nearby.

Larry suggested Liberty Land or a water park to attract more youngsters.

Discussion about the options:

Reunion should be close to the largest concentration of Belnaps and near the history of Gilbert Belnap (where he lived and settled).

Many wanted a repeat of the cemetery tour (evening before the reunion) at the Ogden cemetery.

Someone suggested a rededication of the Gilbert grave after the renovation of the base of the headstone. Gilbert was the first sexton of the cemetery.

All agreed that there needs to be a way to involve the next generation, more than simple games. Brent will contact Ryan Shupe, a successful musician, and see if he can perform. Jim suggested technology for the young with a GEO cache at the cemetery. Loanne suggested fun activities for youngsters.

The goal of a reunion: Pass on heritage, develop relationships, and give the next generations an identity of who they are.

Vote of the online participants leaned towards the location to be in Huntsville. It would be cooler than a valley location, close to the Ogden area, and close to biking, boating, and camping activities. Jim will call to reserve the church.

Loanne prepared an Evite invitation for us to email to our family branch contacts. It is a “save the date” evite. She will forward to Pat so it can go out to all the representatives.

Closing prayer by Ashley Belnap

Next conference call: May 4th at 8:00 p.m. Utah time. Brent will contact us with telephone information shortly before the date.