

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

An officers meeting of the Gilbert Belnap family organization was held Saturday Oct. 13, 1956, at 7.00 p.m., in the 20th Ward Chapel, Ogden, Utah.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the retiring officers to review what has been accomplished during their term of office, and to acquaint the new officers with their future duties.

Elmer Belnap newly elected president of the Gilbert Belnap family organization presided and conducted.

President Belnap expressed his appreciation for all that had been accomplished during the time that Lester Balnap was president, and called for a vote of thanks.

Volney Belnap, former 1st Vice President, then reported on what had been accomplished. Their aim had been to get as much data as possible on the Belnap family, then to have that information recorded in written form and by pictures. He reported the successful publishing of the Centennial Issue in honor of the Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap and the two succeeding supplements.

The Hyrum Belnap records, A, B, and C, books were copied and placed in the care of Genealogist Gilbert Mariott.

Lester Belnap, former President, agreed that the work of the organization had been successful and the publishing of the book outstanding.

Those attending were, Elmer Belnap, President, Garth Belnap, 2nd Vice President, Alpha Crow, Secretary, Marion Kerr, Historian. Dr. Aaron Ross, 1st Vice President was excused. Retiring officers: Lester Belnap, Former President, Volney Belnap, former 1st Vice President, and Della Belnap, former Secretary and Treasurer.

Attending the second meeting, including those above, were Ethel B. Barner, Director of the Reuben Belnap family, Ethel McEntire, Director Martha Jane Hammon family, Ezra L. Belnap, Director of Augustus Belnap family, Gilbert Mariott, Genealogist Director Gilbert Belnap family, Zeruah L. Thomson, Director, of the Adaline Lowe family. Lester Belnap also acted as Director for the Oliver Belnap family and Volney Belnap acted as Director for Hyrum Belnap family.

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Elmer Belnap President read the By Laws of the organization, and pointed out places where the meaning is not clear. He suggested that revision be made.

A motion was put before the house to separate the office of Secretary and Treasurer and appoint a new Treasurer to take care of the money. The motion was made and seconded and carried. Arias Belnap, was chosen, dependent upon his acceptance, as he was not present.

Gilbert Mariott, genealogist reported that he has collected many family group sheets during his term of office. He said that he really did not have the time to do all that he desired and suggested that a genealogy committee be appointed to assist him. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion and the motion was carried.

The following committee was appointed; Gilbert Marriott, Chairman, with Della Belnap Lilly Hale and Zeruah Thomson as committee members.

A motion was presented before the house that Gilbert Mariott be chosen family representative, and his name to appear on temple sheets instead of the heir previously used. The motion was carried and the secretary was instructed to notify the genealogical library of the selection.

A discussion as to what should be the amount of the dues was carried on and it was decided that it be left to the discretion of the officers and the necessity for funds.

Gilbert Mariott requested permission to use the \$50.00 available for genealogical purposes. The request was granted.

It was moved and seconded to try and collect the dues for 1956 that have not been paid. The motion was carried.

It was suggested that it would clarify matters if the President would define what the duties of each officer are.

The suggestion was made at the last reunion, that the next reunion to be held in 1958, be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and it was discussed and approved.

The death of Adaline Belnap Ballantyne, daughter of Gilbert Belnap and Sarah Jane Cole Belnap was announced.

With the approval of all present, Della Belnap was appointed to take care of the remaining Gilbert Belnap Centennial Issue until such time as they can be disposed of.

The closing prayer was given by Volney Belnap, after which the meeting was adjourned.