

BFO Officers Meeting Minutes  
31 Aug 2019

Meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m. Mountain time

**Attendees:** Kirk Belnap (President), Julie Moselle (1st Vice President), Pat Johnson (Treasurer), Matt Purcell (Secretary)

**Opening Prayer:** Kirk Belnap

**2020 Reunion:** Kirk led a discussion on the 2020 BFO reunion.

- The officers agreed that if the BFO sponsors a 2020 reunion, a "Save-the-Date" invitation needs to be circulated ASAP, most likely by the end of September.
- Kirk reached out to Christopher Belnap, a BYU student, who agreed to help brainstorm and spearhead any youth or young adult activities at an upcoming reunion. Additionally, Kirk reached out to Lily Purcell, a junior high student, for assistance on potential youth reunion activities. Julie has some ideas for youth activities.
- Pat noted that getting the word out to the broad organization is key. This should be done in multiple ways, including the BFO website, Facebook, emails, Instagram, and potentially direct mailings if needed.
- Matt suggested that we need to get the family representatives on board with the upcoming reunion and task them with spreading the word to their respective family branches. We should ask them to update (as best as possible) all contact information over the next couple of months so that we can successfully advertise the upcoming reunion.
- Kirk recommended that the reunion serve a specific purpose or have a compelling draw. Holding a reunion without a goal or purpose would not attract sufficient numbers of attendees. He did not want the reunion to re-hash the same material of previous reunions.
- Pat agreed with Kirk and suggested that the purpose or draw should be more than entertainment.
- The officers discussed Nauvoo as a potential reunion location. The advantages and disadvantages of this location were discussed at length, including:
  - It is unlikely we would attract as many people, but those who do attend would likely gain more from the experience.
  - We could arrange for a group tour of Nauvoo--focusing the attention on sites that had a connection to the Belnap/McBride/Knight families.
  - The adults could do a temple session together.
  - The youth could do a baptism session together.
  - We could arrange for live-streaming or a video archived portion of the tour or reunion meeting for others to watch on Facebook or the BFO website.
  - We could hold the reunion on Saturday, August 8, 2020 (although hot and humid, it is a good, predictable date), but are open to discussing alternatives.
- The officers will discuss with their family members to determine if this idea would/could work. We want to make sure there is sufficient interest.
- The officers agreed to hold a BFO call on Saturday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. (or earlier at 12:00 p.m. if that works for Brent) and invite all officers and family representatives to discuss the proposed Nauvoo reunion.

- If the officers and family representatives are aligned on a Saturday, August 8, 2020 reunion in Nauvoo, then we will immediately circulate a "Save-the-Date" invitation and begin planning the reunion activities in earnest.

**Action Items:**

- Brent to schedule a BFO call with officers and family reps on Saturday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. (or earlier at 12:00 p.m. if that works for Brent).
- All officers to discuss with their families the potential idea of a Nauvoo reunion to get feedback prior to the September 21 call.