



Society of Mayflower Descendants In The State of Alabama

Founded 1952

COMPACT DAY MEETING, October 30th, 2010 Minutes



The *Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Alabama* met at *The Club in Birmingham, Alabama*, the following Officers were present:

Governor – Mary Helen Mahan
Deputy Governor – Richard Hobson
Secretary – Alan M. Davis
Treasurer – Ellie Lienau
Elder– Alethea Cole-Tyson
Captain – Chris Gender
Librarian– Whitney Hobson
Board of Assistant 1– Monte Horton
Board of Assistant 2– Deen Rice

Board of Assistant 2– Jerri Kight
Board of Assistant 4– Ann Ferguson

Deputy Governor General – Alan M. Davis
Assistant General – Ann Ferguson
Gulf Coast Colony Lt. Gov. –
Capitol Colony Lt. Gov. –Alan M. Davis
Tennessee Valley Colony Lt. Gov. –

Governor Mary Helen Mahan called the *Compact Day Meeting* to order at 11:20 o'clock a.m and welcomed members and guests and thanked them for being here today.

Kathryn Porter, Elder Pro Tem, read the *Elder's Prayer and the Mayflower Compact, and Ann King read the Objects of the Society*, and led in the reciting of *The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag*.

In the Roll Call there were thirty members and guests present today. The members introduced themselves, their guest and listed their ancestor(s).

The Minutes of the May 1st, 2010 meeting were read, corrected and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

The **Governor**, Mary Helen Mahan reported on the events and duties she performed since the May Meeting. She reported that she mailed out 186 Newsletters, Attended the Tennessee Valley Colony meeting in June, Attended the General Board of assistant's meeting in San Diego and attended the Gulf Coast Colony meeting last week. She also encouraged all members who can to attend any of the General Society's meetings and especially the general Congress meeting next year. She stated that she learned much about the workings of the General Society. (Detailed report on file)

The **Deputy Governor**, Richard Hobson thanked everyone for being here today. He reported it was announced that Governor General Judith Swann will be our guest in April 30, 2011, in Montgomery. Discussions were held as to who our speaker will be in November of 2011. Also discussions were held to possibly hold a meeting in the Huntsville area in November of 2011 or in the May meeting of 2012.

The **Deputy Governor General**, Alan M. Davis reported on the General Board's Meeting in San Diego this past September. Discussions were held on the proposed changes to the General Society's Constitution and By-Laws. Discussions were held on ethics and the form in which all General Society officers and employees have to sign and it was suggested that our society might consider doing the same.

It was suggested that if we needed to update our By-Laws to do so after the General Congress in 2011 and include provisions for an ethics clause.

The **Assistant General**, Ann Ferguson reported on the General Board's Meeting in San Diego this past September on the proposed changes to the General Society's Constitution and By-Laws and also added the Code of Conduct discussed at the meeting to be done State by State and that she had contacted the Counselor General concerning this matter. Ann announced the fund drive to be held by the General Society to sell "Bricks" to honor those persons designated by the purchaser to be placed in the garden of Plymouth House, this is to help fund the restoration of the garden area. She also discussed the General Congress to be held next September.

The Secretary, Alan M. Davis reported that he is working on the year-end report and Mary Helen added that we pay a per capita tax of \$11:00 per member and discussed that we continue to update our rolls that they stay current with what's in Plymouth that we pay the correct amount and not overpay.

The **Treasurer**, Ellie Lienau read her report and it was voted on and approved as presented. She discussed that our fiscal year is the calendar year, January 1 to December 31st. She reported that we had taken in more money than we spent. She also announced that it was time to start collecting dues for next year and that anyone here wants to pay their dues can do so after the meeting. She also had a roster and asked everyone to check it to make sure their information is correct. She had sent the yearly checks to the Colonies. She also said that she is continuing to work with the IRS to get our society up-to-date with them and also to make us a non-profit organization as it is stated in our Constitution and Bylaws. She also reported that as it was discussed in the Board of Assistant's meeting that the treasure's books will be reviewed on a yearly basis by an appointed committee. (Detailed report on file)

The **Historian** was not present and had sent her regrets for not being here. Mary Helen read the report for her and we now have eight new members and one reinstatement. (Detailed report on file)

The **Elder**, Alethea Cole-Tyson was not present. It was reported that Nannette Griffith had died since our last meeting.

The **Captain**, Chris Gender had no report to give.

The Librarian, Whitney Hobson reported that the current scrapbooks are getting old and the Board of Assistants had approved \$200.00 for newer acid free scrapbooks. Discussions were held on different ways we could preserve our records for the future

UNDER COMMITTEES:

Membership/Yearbook– Reported that they are working on updating the list.

Finance – No additional report. (See Treasurer's report)

Programs – No report. (See Deputy Governor's report)

Publicity – It was discussed to work on getting our meetings and events in the local newspapers.

REPORTS OF COLONIES:

Mary Helen reported that she attended the **Gulf Coast Colony** meeting last week October 23rd at Andree's in Fairhope. Lt. Gov. John Medbery gave the program on Thomas Hooker and John Eliot. He displayed an original oil of the "Mayflower" which had been painted by a friend in England.

The **Capital Colony Lt. Governor**, Alan Davis reported that they will meet in the first week of December which will be the 4th.

The **Tennessee Valley Colony**' s representative , Ellie Lienau, reported that their meeting will be on November the 6th , they will meet for breakfast at Shoney's and will tour the historic Huntsville Depot.

Under Old Business:

- 1- Pat Pittman reported that the Website for the State Society was up and running and in its early stages. Discussions were held to decide what information to put in the site. It was also discussed to view other State Societies as to how we can pattern our website. Pat gave a demonstration how the website looks on a screen and everyone was pleased on the progress so far.
- 2- It was discussed to delay the purchase of the neck medallions for the D.G.G. and the A,G. until after a design change that was announced at the B.O.A meeting in San Diego.
- 3- It was reported that the donation (\$250.00) we gave to the flag pole at the new National Cemetery at the American Village was sent.

Under New Business:

- 1- Discussions were held on the General Congress and the general Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2- It discussed to continue working on the 501-c status for our Society.
- 3- Discussions were held on a Code of Conduct and Ethics form for our Society but it was decided to wait until after the general Congress.
- 4- Discussions were held on digitizing our records.
- 5- An announcement was made that there will be an "Atlanta Family History Expo" classes and workshops to be on November 12th & 13th in Duluth Georgia which is free to the public. (Announcement sheet on file)
- 6- Discussions were held on the the Mayflower flag that it can be a material other than silk.
- 7- It was discussed for the State Society to purchase a "Brick" at the cost of \$250.00 to be placed in the garden of Plymouth House. This is to raise funds to help restore the gardens. A motion was made by Kathryn Porter "That the Society purchase a "Brick" at the cost of \$250.00 to be placed in the garden of Plymouth House" the motion was voted on and approved. Ann Ferguson volunteered to compose what is to placed on the brick

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 o'clock p.m. Rich Hobson led us in a prayer Thanksgiving for the meal. After the Business meeting a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

After the meal an informative narrative was given by our speaker, Mr. Tom Richardson, of his near death experiences after his bomber had landed behind enemy lines in Germany during World War II and being captured not by the Germans but by our Ally, the Soviet Union, who treated him and others as "Prisoners of War" and not as allies.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan M. Davis, Secretary