

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama

Board of Assistants

Compact Day Meeting

October 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Governor Ellie Lienau at 9:30 AM.

The following officers were present: Governor Ellie Lienau, Assistant General Ann Ferguson, Deputy Governor General and Deputy Governor Alan Davis, Secretary Nancy Logan, Tennessee Valley Lt. Governor and Junior Members Stacy Smith, Gulf Coast Lt. Governor Jack Dwyer, Cahaba River Lt. Governor Inge Tingle, Member at Large and Website Pam Pittman, Member at Large and Assistant Historian Mark Chesbro, Historian Brenda Gouge, Member at Large and Newsletter Michel Marcoux, Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, Librarian Carol Kitchens, Past Governor Ann King, Elder John Smith, and guest speaker Lisa Pennington.

The minutes from the April 29, 2017 meeting of the BOA were approved as written.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Governor Ellie Lienau: She stated that she had attended three colony meetings and that she had made a speech at the National Congress.

Asst. General Ann Ferguson: Ann said that she would give her report in the Compact Day meeting.

Secretary Nancy Logan: No report.

Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan: Mary Helen gave the Treasurers report and stated that we are in good shape financially. We currently have 238 members.

Historian Brenda Gouge: We currently have ten applications in Plymouth with sixty more in the works at some stage. Brenda informed the BOA that Bob Copeland's wife had passed away.

Governor Ellie Lienau: We can file applications and supplementals for the women of the Mayflower and anyone considering supplementals should remember this.

Member at Large and Assistant Historian Mark Chesbro: Brenda Gouge is printing certificates for supplementals so that members can have certificates for those also.

Librarian Carol Kitchens: Carol discussed what to do with our archived materials. They are currently in her basement. She recommended that if we wanted them to be scanned on to computer discs for storage that we have it professionally done. After discussion about possible repositories for our records, it was decided that Carol Kitchens would contact Auburn University about their archives to see if they would take our materials. Mark Chesbro agreed to contact Samford University and Alan Davis said he would contact the State of Alabama Archives and History Department for the same purpose and they will report back later.

Deputy Governor General and Deputy Governor Alan Davis: He would like to announce that Governor General George Garmany will be our guest speaker in Huntsville on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Elder John Smith: Since the last meeting we have two people to pass away.

- Alma McClurkin who was one of the founding members of the Capital Colony.
- Meredith Copeland on October 23, 2017. She was an active member of the Gulf Coast Colony and will be greatly missed. There will be an in memorial for her and her son and grandson are planning on being in attendance.

Website Pam Pittman: Pam updated the website recently and added the Cahaba River Colony to the website. There was discussion about adding the Lt. Governor for each colony on the website with their contact information or not. The Lt. Governors are to get with Pam and let her know their preferences. Pam put Stacy's contact information in the Junior Members area. Please get any suggestions about our website to Pam. The domain name has just been updated and renewed. There was discussion about putting the directory in the members only area so that it would be available to all members. Contact Pam to get the user ID and password for the Members only area.

Junior Members Stacy Smith: Ellie got some information about junior members at Congress and he is looking at that to see what he can use. Still needs updated contact information about any junior members. Can ask in the newsletter for updated info on junior members. He would like to send out birthday cards for junior members to keep in touch with them. On the National website there is an area for junior members and the Facebook Mayflower page has a junior members area. You can be a junior member until 25 and can become full members at 18. Since April we have had 8 new members for a total of 59 junior members.

Newsletter Michel Marcoux: Jack Dwyer's Mayflower Quiz was a lot of fun and it was full of things that every Mayflower member should know. If you have anything to submit for the newsletter, please submit it to him in a Word document.

GBOA members: Mark, Michel and Pam had no reports.

New Business

Governor Ellie Lienau: We will go out of order so that we can get to 2 items of new business before we run out of time.

- **Nominating Committee:** The election of officers is done by a nominating committee of 5 members who will be appointed by the BOA at the November meeting. The officers will be elected at the next meeting. We need 5 members to serve; Ellie suggested that each of the 4 colonies suggest someone from their colony to serve on the nominating committee. Ellie asked that the Lt. Governors from each colony suggest a name from their colony by the end of November. Ellie asked Ann King to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Ann agreed to be the chair.
- The GSMD is trying to acquire the **National Memorial Pilgrim Meeting House** which is in Plymouth. It is a historic building and is a beautiful building which has Tiffany glass windows with Pilgrim/Mayflower depictions and the bells were done by Paul Revere. There is an agreement between the GSMD and the church congregation that if the GSMD can fund a \$3 million-dollar endowment by 2020 that they will give the GSMD the building. This has been approved by the GSMD BOA. At Congress all the member societies were asked to donate at least \$5,000. All societies agreed to donate something. The building would be used for educational purposes and meetings and it could be used for events. The building capacity is approximately 500 people. There was discussion about how to come up with the \$5,000. If we make donations to the Alabama Society, it would be tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) organization. Ann Ferguson suggested that we ask for donations from BOA members. Ann Ferguson made a motion that we ask for contributions from our members for the National Memorial Pilgrim Meeting House Endowment Fund and the Alabama Society will match up to \$2,500 of member contributions. The motion was seconded and passed. It will be announced at our meetings and will be put in the Newsletter.

Assistant General Ann Ferguson spoke with the man in charge of the technology committee when she was at Congress and there is nothing going on with the General Society about paying dues on line. He suggested that each state investigate it on their own. He suggested PayPal. PayPal can also be used for donations. Inge Tingle stated that to use PayPal there has to be an email address associated with the PayPal account, so we would have to come up with an email address for that purpose. Inge agreed to look in to this and report back to the BOA.

Historian Brenda Gouge - Booth in A Box: She has a description of what is in a “Booth in a box” but does not have a list of contents. She printed her own handouts when she made a presentation recently.

Lt. Governor Gulf Coast Colony Jack Dwyer: The Gulf Coast Colony will have their Compact Day Meeting on November 18th and everyone is invited. It will be held at Felix Fish

Camp. Jack stated his concerns about membership retention and said that if we don't want to lose members as an organization, we need work to retain our membership numbers.

Governor Ellie Lienau reported that GSMD is now associated with Family Tree DNA and that we can get a discount on their services.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02AM.