

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
Minutes of Spring, 2011 Board of Assistants Meeting

The April 23, 2011 Florida Mayflower BOA was held at the BEST WESTERN, Mt. Vernon Inn, 110 South Orlando Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789. The meeting was opened by State Governor Robert Burt at 9:00 AM. The Invocation was given by Elder Dr. Albert E Myers. The Pledge to our American Flag and the Salute to our Mayflower Flag was given by Kenneth Carter, Captain.

Governor Burt welcomed members and guests and then gave his report. A copy is attached to these Minutes. Roll Call and Reading of Minutes was given by State Secretary Jessie Brabham. A quorum was present. Elder Albert Myer moved that Minutes be adopted as printed. It was seconded by Ken Carter and upon a vote was carried.

Financial report – Henry Dressel: Explained Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. Nate asked about refunds to Colonies (Life Membership, new member applications and supplementals). Question about Bank change of ownership. (Wachovia to Wells-Fargo)

**Officers report**

**Frances Lopus** and Florida nominating committee report

Proposed Officers slate :

FL State Governor – Reynolds Prince Cushing (Tilley Colony)

Deputy Governor – Kenneth Everett Carter (Chilton Colony)

Secretary – Jessie Fish Brabham (Mullins Colony)

Treasurer – Henry French Dressel (Howland Colony)

Historian – Muriel Curtis Cushing (Tilley Colony)

Captain – James W. Preston (Fuller Colony)

Elder – Jean Livingstone Albrecht (Chilton Colony)

Counselor – Edward Delano Sullivan (Alden Colony)

Directors- Laura Lyell Farmer (Warren Colony)

Sherman Clifford Bishop (Alden Colony)

Nancy Cannon Fodi (Standish Colony)

There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. Motion by Fran to accept the slate as presented was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

**Dep. Governor Ren Cushing** told about December Cruise. \$500.00 donation was received from cruise planner. Nate Heuberger made a motion that this amount will go to Trust Fund. Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

**Historian Muriel Cushing** reported that new members are 15, Juniors transferred 8, Transfers in 3, reinstated 2, for a total of 28 new members. We lost transfer out 1, resigned GS3 dropped 54, deaths 12 for a loss of 70 with a standing total of 1,297 members on the roll. Copy is attached to these Minutes. She also talked about Facebook account. Its contents and purpose is only for Florida Mayflower business. Questions about Facebook mentioned that it is good for getting youth involved. Muriel also uses Facebook to answer questions by members. WEB FLMayflower.com (State) she answered a question about papers by Aline Scott & SS #'s.

Dep. Gov. Cushing reported that scanning and digitizing of applications is going slow due to staples, etc. Possible new Colony – Dr. Albert E. Myers, Elder: New Colony in Lee County (not confirmed yet) and to be organized on Oct 28, 2011. Gov Burt assigned Clyde Blanchard as new Governor of that colony. Hank

suggested donation by Colonies to help new colony. Fran wants gavel to be given to the new colony by Standish Colony. Standish Colony is helping with set-up of new Colony.

Elder Myers showed new certificate presentation folder being presented to families of deceased members. He talked about sending death info to State officers and he also adds comment to obit online when possible.

#### **Colony Governors**

**Alden**, no report

**Allerton**, no report

**Bradford**, no report

**Brewster**, no report

**Chilton**, no report

**Cook**, Ruth Ann reported 6 new members 2 deaths for total of 87 members.

**Doty**, no report

**Fuller**, no report

**Hopkins, Aline Scott** no report **Will e-mail**

**Howland**, Hank no report

**Mullins**, Richard Sumner II was elected as new Colony Governor

**Standish**, Dick Hazen reported that changing days of meetings didn't help with attendance.

All Standish meetings will be held in Naples.

**Tilley**, Ren Cushing reported 119 members. A Directory has been published and can be obtained online. Ms. Ariella M Lvov has been selected to receive their \$1500.00 Scholarship. It will be presented on May 20 Colony and at Booker HS on 17 May 2011.

**Warren**, Laura Farmer wants their Colony to host 2012 BOA. Richard Wheeler is to be new Governor. New Officers have been elected at Feb. meeting and will be installed 14 May.

**Winslow** not present, no report. Gov. Burt made comments about his visit to Colony.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Finance** – Standing rules –Standing Rules - Nate Heuberger, Jean Harden: Life Membership old fee schedule was moved to new Rule #11 NOV 2009.

#### **Finance committee report**

~~Combine 13 & 16 to make new #16.~~ **This is now part of Standing Rule #11**

Life Member : The member must pay his/her own dues for the ~~next year after~~ application for Life membership. Fees: age 25-34 \$1500; 35-44 \$1200; 45-49 \$1000; 50-54 \$900; 55-59 \$800; 60-64 \$700; 65-69 \$600; 70 and older \$500. (Amended Nov. 20, 2010)

**A motion was made to add new Fee Schedule (Eff: 1 Nov 2012) to Standing Rule # 11. Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to remove 'next year after application'. ( new wording below) Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.**

The member must pay his/her own dues **for the year of application** for Life membership. **After paying the dues for the year of application, the member is not liable for further Colony, Florida State or General Society dues.** Fees: age 25-34 \$1500; 35-44 \$1200; 45-49 \$1000; 50-54 \$900; 55-59 \$800; 60-64 \$700; 65-69 \$600; 70 and older \$500. (Amended April 23, 2010 )

**Note: changes to the Standing Rules (Effective Nov 1 2012)**

- a. **Rule 11 - Under the fee schedule, delete all ages less than 50 years and all fees which are more than \$900. The revised will be: age 50-54, \$900; age 55-59, \$800; age 60-64, \$700; age 65-69, \$600; age 70 and older, \$500.**

**Effective Nov. 1, 2012, By-Laws change Article III, Section 9: (Adopted 20 Nov 2010 - Effective Nov. 1, 2012, any member of the Society who has attained the age of 50 years and has been a member for more than five years may apply to become a Life Member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida upon payment of a fee set by the State at an annual meeting.** He or she shall thereafter be exempt from personal payment of the annual dues imposed by Article VII of these bylaws. All Life Membership fees shall be maintained by the State Treasurer in a Life Membership Reserve Fund (LMRF). From said fund, the Treasurer shall pay all annual Colony, State Society and General Society dues on behalf of each Life Member who has been reported by the Colony as alive. The administration of Life Memberships will be prescribed in the Society's Standing Rules.

**AG Fran Lopus :** All recommendations should be presented in writing at all meetings and given to Secretary/Governor.

**Education** – Jean Albrecht; Scholarship – Fullerton, NE cousin requested information about programs The Chilton Players perform. She wants members to share their history in order to interest new members.

**Scholarship** Laura Brock reported that we have a winner for the \$1000.00 State Scholarship, Carlson Mary Sawyer is from Yorktown, VA and she plans to go to med school for nuclear medicine. Her sponsor and grand-father, Richard Sawyer is a Tilly Colony member.

**Junior members** – James Preston 25 aged out, 8 became regular members, 27 new Juniors added for a total of 956 today. 22 juniors will age out in 2011. He asked about making a FI Certificate holder for scholarship awardee. This question of a presentation cover will be handled by Ren Cushing.

COFFEE BREAK

**Newsletter “The Pilgrim” and Website** – Nancy Fodi

Website is updated. Her computer has been down and wants any info for Newsletter to be resent to her. Rev Myers thanked Nancy and asked if there was a Facebook link on website, Nancy can add one. She will do a summer newsletter but we need a new Newsletter chair for Fall report

**Endowment Fund** – Ruth Ann Fay: her report has been filled for tax purposes. Part of \$ is in cash. Nate and Ruth Ann will talk about financial possibilities.

Nate moved that Ruth Ann be voted back onto Finance Committee. Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

**Publicity** – Richard Hopkins – no report

**INVITATION 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011** - Clara Waterman Powell, Governor Elder William Brewster Colony reported that State Meeting info is available for Homestead, FL Miccosukee Indian(Seminole Indians) Resort. SR 41 has access but Turnpike is best access.

Rooms range from \$109 to \$189. Banquet price ranging from \$34 to \$43 is not final. Contract will be signed on May 7, 2011. Saturday Lunch buffet will be \$11.95. Additional Tribal Tax of 8.7% is not covered by tax exemption. Any questions, please phone or e-mail Gov. Burt or Brewster Gov. Clara Waterman Powell.

**Reading of the Compact- Ken Carter**

**Blessing for lunch, Benediction and Adjournment:** Elder Albert E. Myers 11:40