

Dutch Cousins Gathering, business meeting
Harrodsburg KY September 24, 2009

The meeting came to order at 1 pm with about 30 cousins present, Claude Westerfield acting president.

First item on the agenda was election of officers. With no volunteers, Claude Westerfield of Farragut Iowa agreed to serve as the first official president.

Nominations opened for Vice President with no response. Jay Westerfield, who has been serving as treasurer, stated that if someone else would take over treasurer duties he would serve as VP.

Diana Davis of Chesapeake VA volunteered to serve as treasurer and was elected by acclamation.

Jay Westerfield of Bloomington IN was elected Vice President by acclamation.

No nominations or volunteers for the office of secretary, so Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma City agreed to continue serving in that capacity.

Discussion followed on the location for our 2011 gathering. Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York heritage sites were suggested. Bill Faulconer, Faulconer Mechanical Service of Perryton, KY, said he felt sure that Old Mud would be ready for rededication in two years. Carolyn made the motion to hold the gathering at Harrodsburg again and conduct the rededication, with a possible bus excursion to the eastern sites to follow the gathering. Motion seconded and carried.

Darwin and Linda Saylor of San Diego, CA, volunteered to plan the excursion, vote of affirmation and support followed. John C. and Phyllis Westerfield of Chambersburg, PA, John and Linda Hayes of Montrose IA, volunteered to assist in setting up the tours. Stuart Powell of Danville, KY, said we could park our cars at his car lot while traveling.

No nominations or volunteers for the office of Gathering Event Co-ordinator, so Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma City said she would continue in that capacity, as well as setting up housing, meeting place and food. Volunteers to assist are encouraged.

The following chairpersons agreed to serve:

Registration: Louise and Randy Ledger of Oklahoma City
Family Groups: Pam Ellingson of Lakewood, Wisconsin
Silent Auction: Ruby Ingram of Elizabethtown, KY
Veterans Memorial: Beverly Sullivan of Marion, Arkansas
Worship Service: Rev. Claude Westerfield of Farragut, IA
Book signing: Barbie Abbott of Louisville, KY

Photographer: Charlie Westerfield of Louisville, KY
Hospitality: Gladys & Homer Dorrell of Indianapolis, IN
Videographer and info technician: Ed Westerfield of New Oxford, PA
Dutch Repository collection: Amalie Preston of Salvisa KY
Webmaster for Dutch Cousins & Westerfield: Pam Ellingson of Lakewood, WI

More committees and chairmen may be added later, such as Historian, Rededication Service, and others as needed.

President Westerfield appointed Diana Davis to draft bylaws and form a non-profit (501c3) organization. The motion to approve made by Beverly Sullivan and seconded by Jean Pollard.

Discussion of logo, mission statement and goals, decision by acclamation to keep the ones we have.

Most business can be conducted by email, so unless an emergency arises the next business meeting will be at the 4th Dutch Cousins Gathering in 2011.

Carolyn B. Leonard
Secretary.

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Amendments on 2 Nov 2009: David Smock of FL made the motion, seconded by Pam Ellingson of WI, to amend the Dutch Cousin mission statement by striking the words "New Amsterdam" and inserting the words "New Netherland" because New Amsterdam describes only the Manhattan area while New Netherland encompassed the entire area controlled by the Dutch.