

**4<sup>th</sup> Dutch Cousins Gathering, 2011 business meeting**  
**3:00 pm Thursday September 29, 2011**  
**Harrodsburg KY**  
**Mercer County Public Library meeting room**

The meeting came to order at 1 pm with about 30 cousins present, Claude Westerfield President. Officers, Members and Guests were introduced.

Minutes of the previous meeting, Sept 2009, had been disseminated by email and were approved as written.

Diana Davis, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report, which will be filed for audit.

Beginning balance . \$2,925.  
Income ..... \$23,370.  
Total income ..... \$26,295.

Expenses ..... \$10,350.  
Projected Expense . \$3,421.  
Total expense ..... \$13,771.

Balance on hand..... \$3,421. (need help...this doesn't compute!)

(Separately)

Trip money received .....  
Trip expenses .....  
(plus or minus? Balance)...

Diana Davis also reported on the 501(c)3 non-profit organization application status. Number of paid registrations for this meeting are eighty (80), and number of paid registrations for the Dutch Trip to New York nineteen (19). One person is unable to go on the trip and would like someone to purchase her tickets.

Committee reports were given as follows:

**Registration:** Louise and Randy Ledger: they prepared the nametags and meal tickets (brought by Carolyn). They are unable to attend the meeting.

**Family Groups:** Pam Ellington: about ten displays are registered for Saturday.

**Silent Auction:** Ruby Ingram: many items have been listed and will be presented for bidding on Saturday.

**Veterans Memorial:** Joan Murray and Beverly Gerding have prepared the memorial service for Sunday; Lynn Rogers obtained gravestones for the eight veterans, which will be delivered Friday and set by Boy Scouts.

**Worship Service:** Rev. Claude Westerfield enlisted song service volunteers Eddie Sherrow and Ronnie Blackwell.

**Book signing:** Barbie Abbott- Invitations have been sent and about five authors accepted.

**Dutch Veteran's memorial book:** Susan Nease- book is completed and ready for sale.

**Photographer:** Heather Ransdell will provide a disc of photos and Claude Westerfield volunteered to handle sales of the photos and the Veterans Memorial Book, \$15 each.

**Hospitality Committee:** Gladys Dorrell, Rosalind Cummings, & Barbie Abbott have color coordinated tablecloths and table decorations.

**Dutch Repository collection:** Amalie Preston, several boxes of materials have been received and archived for research in specially marked filing cabinets.

**Webmaster** for Dutch Cousins: Pam Ellingson's [www.DutchCousins.info](http://www.DutchCousins.info) is up and running.

**Historian:** Barbara Whiteside has assembled a scrapbook and collected info on the group's history.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2011-1013, all with no opposition:

President – Claude Westerfield

Vice President – John C. Westerfield

Secretary – Carolyn Leonard

Treasurer – Diana Davis

Gathering Coordinator – Donna Gaines

John C. Westerfield made a motion to accept the bylaws as presented, motion seconded and carried. Discussion followed on number of board members to be appointed. President Westerfield appointed Carolyn Leonard chairperson for setting up the number and terms of members of board of directors.

Motion to approve Board Members as listed in the corporation charter:

Board members: Jim Cozine, Pam Ellingson and Barbara Whiteside

Registered Agent: Barbie Abbott.

Jim Cozine made a motion to retain only \$1000 in the treasury once gathering expenses are paid each time, excess to be donated to Old Mud restoration and maintenance. Motion seconded and carried.

Jean Pollard made a motion to have membership dues; amount and purpose to be decided by executive committee. Seconded and carried.

Group agreed to let the new Gathering Coordinator review the options for next meeting place and time. She will pick two or three she recommends and the group can decide which one they prefer by email vote. Places and times suggested include:

Pella, Iowa; Spring of 2013 or Fall of 2013

Holland, Michigan; same as above

Gettysburg, PA; same as above

Bergen Co, NJ; same as above

Thanksgiving Point, Utah; same.

Frankfort, KY; Spring or Fall; with Sunday services at Old Mud.

Madison, IN; same

Most business can be conducted by email, so unless an emergency arises the next business meeting will be at the 5<sup>th</sup> Dutch Cousins Gathering in 2013.

Carolyn B. Leonard  
Secretary.

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