
**2019 Dutch Cousins, 8th Gathering,
Business Meeting Minutes
12:10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Friday, September 13, 2019
Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY**

The 2019 Dutch Cousins Gathering Business Meeting was called to order on September 13, 2019 at 11:30 by President Charlie Westerfield of Kentucky at the Harold R. Benson Ag building of the Kentucky State University. All six officers and two directors were present. Fifty (50) or more Dutch Cousins attended the business meeting.

Parliamentarian Mary Jo Gohmann declared a quorum present to proceed with the business meeting as based on the bylaws requiring the presence of at least four of the six (6) officers and directors, and any fifteen (15) members who are not officers or directors.

Denise Perry reported the 2017 minutes were emailed to the members earlier prior to the meeting. Carolyn Leonard made the motion to accept the 2017 minutes with minor amendments. Barbara Merideth seconded and all present approved.

Janice Cozine provided the Treasurer's Report :

The ending balance from 2017:	\$3,589.53
Donation to Old Mud meeting 2017:	\$1,500.00
Claude Westerfield's memorial marker	\$ 106.00
Sec. of State filing fees for 2018	\$ 15.00

Balance \$1,968.53

See attachment A for 2019 Dutch Cousin's Treasurer's Report. A final report will be filed for audit and placed on the website.

Carolyn Leonard made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Malcomb Banta seconded.

Gathering Committee Reports:

- **Financial / Audit Report:**

Vince Akers of Indiana

The 2017 Reunion accounting report was closed out promptly after the gathering. Vince reported that all accounting is in good order and expressed a special thanks to Treasurer Janice Cozine for the excellent record keeping.

Vince also reported that \$142, 886.00 has been collected for Old Mud since the initial fund raising began.

Malcomb Banta made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to Kentucky State University of Agriculture for Paw Paws for providing the meeting space. Eddie Cozine made the second.

- **Webmaster:** **Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin**
 reported on the official Dutch Cousins website; www.dutchcousins.org

 - The website is hosted through next year. Jeremy Westerfield is is graciously covering the cost of hosting for the first three years of hosting.
 - Pam shared there are 48 pages of stories of Low Dutch Veterans.
 - 2015 575 visits
 - 2016 745 visits
 - 2017 1786 visits
 - 2018 3235 visits
 - 2019 (thru 9/8) 2741 visits
 - The cost of hosting will need to be added to budget for 2020.
- **Coordinator** **King and Sharon Cole of Texas**
 worked with Charlie Westerfield and Janice Cozine to coordinate The Dutch Cousins Gathering. Hotel arrangements, the meeting venue and catering were coordinated locally. The Saturday excursion included a full bus load of cousins and a caravan of private vehicles to dedicate historic roadside markers honoring the Dutch heritage at sites near Louisville. The first leg of the trip was a ride through The Parklands of Floyd's Fork with Dr. Steven Henry narrating. Lunch was served at the park before traveling to the historic markers. President Charles Westerfield, Vince Akers, and Steve Henry narrated during the bus trip. See below for more on the Westerfield Marker.
- **Heritage Tables:** **Tamara Fulkerson of Kentucky**
 coordinated the displays for the family history displays. There were 13 entries of family history displays in the hallway of the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm building. The VANNAUSDALL FAMILY DISPLAY by Cynthia VannAusdall was selected as the winner of the first place award for family history tables. Thanks to all who participated.
- **Family Research and Genealogy** **Charlotte Olson and Mary Jo Gohmann**
 manned a table for provide assistance on patriots of Dutch Cousins in the Daughters of the American Revolution and for genealogy assistance. There are multiple Dutch Cousin patriots identified. The table was quite active with interested individuals who are already in the DAR as well as others who are interested in knowing how to apply.
- **Registration** **Janice Cozine of Kentucky**
 reported there were 83 people in attendance, representing 19 different states. Janice also provided a preliminary summary of meeting expenses and income (see Attachment A for final report). Janice also tested and selected the menus for Family Affair Caterers. Thanks to Janice's contacts at the Kentucky Historical Society, she was able to arrange a lower rental fee for this year.
- **Program speakers:** **Charlie Westerfield of Kentucky**
 stated the speakers for the 2019 Dutch Cousins Gathering are lined up and ready to provide a variety of topics.

 - Friday: Dr. Kirk W. Pomper, Director of KSU Land Grant Programs, spoke on *"The Paw-Paw Story."* *The Dulcimer society of Frankfort played for the cousins during the afternoon.* Vince Akers presented "The Beargrass Stations, Brook's Spring and the

Westerfield Massacre." Dr. Steve Henry delivered a presentation on the "The Parklands of Floyd's Fork" which will be toured on Saturday.

- Saturday, the trip to view the Dutch Markers and a bus ride through the Parklands of Floyd's Fork. Dr. Henry arranged for the meal at the park and presentations at the park by the park staff. The unveiling of the Westerfield Massacre marker was held before a large group of "Cousins". The Saturday night keynote speaker, Eddie Price presented in costume "The Battle of Blue Licks."
- Sunday: traveling to Harrodsburg for an 1800s worship service and communion at the Old Mud Meeting house; conducted by Russell Gasero, archivist of the Reformed Church Archives in New Jersey. Many of our Dutch Cousins volunteered to serve as elders, deacons, and ushers.
- **Dutch Tee Shirt Fundraiser** **Janice Cozine of Kentucky**
coordinated the ordering of our Dutch Cousin T-Shirts in a beautiful teal color. 82 t-shirts and 50 tote bags were sold bringing in \$1,094.00. Expenses \$567.31
- **Hospitality** **Emily Welches of Indiana,**
reported coffee and pastries were served in the back of the meeting room on Friday and Saturday at the Harold R. Benson Ag building of Kentucky State University.
- **Silent Auction** **King and Sharon Cole of Texas**
coordinated the silent auction. Attendees provided close to 60 items for the auction. The auction raised \$471.00
- **Publicity & Planning** **Denise Merideth Perry of Tennessee**
reported she prepared and printed approximately 500 copies of the biennial newsletter, which were mailed to cousins on the mailing list. There were 25 returned due to incorrect addresses.
 - Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma City continues to email The Dutch Letters, a "Round Robin" of letters from cousins, updating information and information about the biennial Dutch Cousins gathering. The Letters go to almost 600 families several times a month.
- **HHS Dutch archives & Research Day** **Amalie Preston of Kentucky**
was unable to be present due to a death in the family. Research day at the Harrodsburg Historical Society will be Monday, Sept 15.
- **Photography** **Charlie Westerfield of Kentucky**
Is the official photographer for the event. A CD can be ordered for a small (\$10) fee. Pictures will also be available via the website. A group photograph and family surname pictures were taken on Saturday, Sept 13. For the first time in our history of picture taking, Charlie Westerfield used a drone for our large group pictures.
- **Conewago Project** **Malcom Banta of Florida**
presented the status of a project to obtain Pennsylvania Historical Markers for the following sites: The Reformed Dutch Church of Conewago Colony; The Northern Low Dutch Cemetery; The Southern Low Dutch Cemetery; and "Father" Henry Banta's Cabin near the northern cemetery on Swift Run Road.
He shared with the group that the Dutch Cemetery in Adams County, PA is in sad shape. Arthur Weaner has died, and his nephew is caring for the cemetery. He indicated funds

were needed to help care for the cemetery. Carolyn Leonard motioned the group donation \$200 to cemetery care, Barbara Merideth seconded. It was approved by the group. Malcom also spoke about the DeMott cemetery located near Louisville. The land owner has indicated he will clean it up and maintain it, and is not seeking additional funding.

- **Westerfield Marker** **Charlie Westerfield of Kentucky**
the unveiling of the historical marker for the Westerfield Massacre. The bus trip will include this ceremony. Many thanks to the committee who worked on getting the marker approved and in place. Charlie Westerfield, Eddie Cozine, Vince Akers, Steve Henry, & Lynn Rogers made up the committee.
- Following Sunday's church service there will be a ceremony to dedicate the bench at the Old Mud Graveyard in memory of Claude Westerfield, a charter member and one of the organizers of the Dutch Cousins. He served as President from 2011, when the group was chartered, until 2013.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- **Nominations for 2019-2021 Officers and Board Members**
Denise Perry presented the list of proposed nominations for the officers and board members. No recommendations or additions were made from the floor. The officers were elected by acclamation.
 - **Nomination committee report**
Executive Committee:
President: Tamara Fulkerson of Kentucky
Vice-President: Mary Jo Gohmann of Kentucky
Secretary: Denise Merideth Perry of Tennessee
Treasurer: Janice Cozine of Kentucky
Webmaster: Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin
Finance Chairman: Vince Akers of Indiana
Editor: Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma
 - **Board of Directors:**
Malcom Banta of Florida
Jim Cozine of Nevada
Eddie Cozine of Kentucky
Amalie Preston of Kentucky
- **Meeting location for 2021**
Janice Cozine agreed to be the coordinator for the 2021 Gathering. Several suggestions were made for the venue of the 9th Dutch Cousin Gathering. Janice will check out various possibilities and confer with the new president and officers to set up the time, date, and place of the next gathering.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Most business can be conducted by email, so unless an emergency arises the next business meeting will be at the 9^h Dutch Cousins Gathering in 2021. Location of the next gathering to be determined and announced later.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise M. Perry".

Denise M. Perry, Secretary

Attachment A: 2019 & 2021 DC Treasury Report