



Secretary Report - February 15, 2015 at 3:00PM CST

Meeting of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connection Board of Directors was called to order by President Jeffrey Dunham. Directors present via dial up were: Jeffrey Dunham, James Streeter, Trudy Dunham, Gratia Mahony, Paul Dunham, Selma Blackmon, Carol Hyatt, New members to be voted on as Board members were: Bruce Dunham, John Duguid, and Jackie Coniglio.

Item 1 - Secretarial Report

- Minutes of the January 2014 were accepted.
- Gratia informed the board of the passing of Secretary/Director John L. Dunham on the 3rd of November 2014 by his son David Dunham.
- A resignation letter from Vice President Lloyd E. Dunham has been received by the board. The board wishes to express our appreciation for the many years of service that Lloyd has given the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections. We wish him many more years of good health.

Item -2 - Treasurer Report

2014 Financial Report

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>DNA Testing</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPENING BALANCE	7873.26	430.99	8304.25
INCOME			
Interest Income	0.65		0.65
Membership dues	1890.00		1890.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1890.65		\$1890.65
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$9763.91	\$430.99	\$10194.90

EXPENSES

Corporation Filing Fee	15.00
FGS Membership 2015	45.00
Research Fee – Gratia Mahony	1800.00
Bedfordshire Research	219.42

TOTAL EXPENCES **\$2079.42** **\$2079.42**

BALANCE 12/31/2014 **\$7684.49** **\$430.99** **\$8115.48**

James A. Streeter
Treasurer

Item-3 - Proposed new Board Members and Secretary

- The following members have accepted the position as Board Members if elected: John Duguid, Jackie Coniglio and Bruce Dunham. All have presented a short Biography to the board. Motion made by James Streeter and seconded by Gratia Mahony. Motion carried. New members were voted onto the DS-FC Board. Welcome to the new board members.
- Due to the death of John L Dunham a new board Secretary was needed. Volunteers were requested. Carol Hyatt volunteered to serve as board Interim Secretary.

Item-4 - 2015 Budget presented by James A. Streeter, Treasurer

Proposed Budget for 2015:

<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	15.00
Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016	45.00
Research Fees and Supplies - Gratia Mahony	1,800.00
Domain Registration - Donation by Jeff Dunham	0.00
Total	1,860.00

Total paid memberships for 2015 - 64

Net income less Pay-pal Fee -- approx. \$1,550.00

Motion made by Trudy Dunham to accept the proposed budget and seconded by Gratia Mahoney.
Motion carried.

Item-5 - DNA Project Report

John Duguid, DNA project coordinator presented the report. Robert Dunham of England was tested to the 37 marker level in 2014. He is an exact match to Deacon John Dunham.

Item-6 - Website Status

James Dunham and Jeffrey Dunham each made comments in regards to the updates on our Dunham-Singleton web page. Also about updating the Facebook page too. The Dunham Families of America have been updated.

Item 7 - Report of the Bedfordshire Research

An up-to-date report was presented by Gratia Mahony. Gratia stated that she had taken an online course presented by The New England Historic and Genealogical Society on Puritan Pedigrees: The Deep Roots of the Great Migration to New England. This course developed information about the Elizabethan Puritan Movement. This course and books recommended by the course presenter provide background for Gratia's search as to how John Dunham became involved in the Puritan Movement.

Item – 8 - Proposal for Dunham Research Funding in England 2015

Estimated amount of funds requested for 10 days of research

Lodging@ 100 for 10 days -	\$1,000
Meals @\$50.00 for 10 days -	\$ 500
Car rental @\$100 for 10 days -	\$1,000
Research fees/copies, use of records -	\$ 500
Research time for Mary Wooldridge -	\$ 500
Total estimate -	\$3,500

Gratia reported she expects to spend 10 days to 2 weeks there. Gratia would be leaving about May 28, 2015. A discussion was held by the board members in regards to the funding of this research. The Board approved that a Permanent Research Funding Account would be established and a Letter be sent out requesting Contributions. The Board also discussed and approved using money from the general account to help with the cost for the Dunham Research in England 2015 Project. A motion made by Paul Dunham and seconded by John Duguid. Motion carried to fund the research presented by Gratia.

Item 9 - New Business

President Jeffrey Dunham discussed a Pledge Drive that could possibly be renewed each year in order to solicit donations to help fund our research. Discussion was also added about putting some type of donation slip in our newsletter requesting donation. Along with a request for contribution letters sent out to the membership in hopes of funding future research. A motion was made by James Streeter and seconded by Gratia Mahoney, motion carried to request the contribution letters to the membership. Trudy Dunham discussed having a policy written up stating how the research donation would work and who would be eligible for these funds to do research with.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Hyatt, Secretary Interim/Directory