

April 2016 Annual Board Meeting Agenda

The annual board meeting of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections Association is scheduled for Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 1:00 pm Pacific – 4:00 pm Eastern. If you would like to attend the conference call please Contact Jeff Dunham at: jeffreymdunham@gmail.com

Item 1 - Election Committee Report - Director Election and New Officers

Results: The below candidates were elected unanimously by the DSFC membership who returned their ballots – 30 of 66.

Candidates for Officers and Directors:

President & Director	Jeff Dunham
Vice President & Dir.	Selma Blackmon
Secretary & Dir.	Carol Hyatt
Treasurer & Dir.	James A. Streeter
Asst. Tres.& Dir.	Trudy Dunham
Historian & Dir.	Gratia D. Mahony
Dir. & DNA Coordinator	John D. Duguid
Director	Jacquelyn Coniglio
Director	Eric Stoltz
Director	Terry Ruppel

Item 2 - Secretarial Report - <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/0/08/SecReport-Feb2015.pdf>

A note was received from John Van Dyke that Mildred Van Dyke has passed at the age of 103 on 22 March 2016.

Item 3 - Treasurer Report - <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/4/4f/FinReport-2015.pdf>

Balances as 22 April 2016 General 7565.31 – DNA 422.16 – Research 125.00 – Total 8112.47 plus 94.78 on PayPal

Membership – 68

Item 4 – 2016 Budget

Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	20.00
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	1,865.00

Item 5 - DNA Project Report

Approval needed to Adjust prices DSFC charges due to increase by Family Tree DNA.

Item 6 - Website Status - DS-FC and Dunham's in America

Item 7 - Update on Social Media and Facebook

Please check out our FB sites before Sunday if you haven't been there so we can answer any questions you may have:

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dunham-Singletary-Family-Connections-151134759503/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/550652078445733/>

Members: Here is a brief primer on FB and our accounts by Trudy:

When you log into your Home on Facebook, in the far left column you will see the headings: FAVORITES, PAGES and GROUPS, with the names of the pages and groups you have liked or belong to under those headings.

Under PAGES, you will see: Dunham Singletary

I started our FB page April 5 2010; it has 143 or so "Likes" and gets a spike in page views when people post to it. Originally, FB pages were the only option; today they are mostly used by businesses and organizations to get their message out. Most people cannot post to a page. Trudy and Jeff can because they are Admin. Selma and Susan Bidwell-Williams are Editors for the page and have the right to post.

Under GROUPS, you will see: Dunham Singletary

I started our FB Group Jan 27 2016; it has about 29 members. FB added Groups a few years back as an option to Pages to allow more interactivity. Our Group was started in response to requests of Dunhams who wanted a place to post their questions, finds, resources, and passion about family history.

Our group is moderated; persons request membership and if approved are joined. We have not rejected anyone to date who asked to join. Anyone who is a member of the Group (which is not restricted to members of DSFC, and no one is automatically a member) can post or approve other members. We have not had a problem with inappropriate posts, though I do not know how accurate the postings always are about the Dunham lines. I do review the posts (after they show up on the site) for relevance. Admin for the Group are Trudy, Selma and Susan.

If you click on the FB page name you go to the FB page. If you click on the FB Group name that is where you will end up. Facebook doesn't choose one or the other to send you to.

We hope our FB sites will lead people interested in Dunham family history to our organization, and encourage individuals to join DSFC and go to our website for accurate Dunham genealogy. We do refer inquiries and posts with specific questions to Gratia in her capacity as Historian.

The Board has not been particularly active on our Facebook sites. It would be great if you joined or liked, and posted occasionally. We could be more attentive to social media opportunities to promote the benefits of membership in DSFC.

Item 8 - Consideration and Adoption of a Research Fund policy

Background Information: Board Members: last year we solicited contributions to provide funding for Gratia's research on John Dunham in England. DSFC didn't have a policy or guidelines to make these decisions and James and I (or perhaps just me) thought we needed one. Here is a draft; with inclusion of the DNA Project which IMO has similar issues. I will wordsmith it a bit, but I wanted to give you a chance to look at it before we meet on Sunday.

Please email me with any comments, questions, suggestions! - Trudy Dunham, Assistant Treasurer & Board Member

The DSFC may solicit contributions from members and non-members to support research on the Dunham family history that furthers the mission of the DSFC. The Treasurer will set up permanent separate research accounts for DNA research and for all other Family History research, and report annually on contributions and expenses to these accounts. Donors should be informed that their contribution is not tax deductible.

DNA Project funds are for DNA testing on a Dunham or person believed to be a Dunham who cannot afford or is not willing to pay for tests that would significantly contribute to the clarification of Dunham & related family genealogical lines and family history.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Director coordinating the DSFC DNA Project, who will consult with the Board President, Treasurer and Historian before making a determination to fund the request. Funds should be submitted to the DNA testing site, not the individual. Reimbursement is not available for previous testing. Funds may be used to update existing DNA Project results with the consent of a majority of the Board of Directors. Funding may not exceed the dollar amount in the DNA Project account.

Family History Research funds are for conducting research on the history of one of the Dunham lines that meets DSFC goals and priorities and that would likely contribute significantly to the Dunham genealogy and family history.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. The person requesting funds must document their competence in conducting the proposed genealogical research, the research tasks to be undertaken, the timeline for the research, and how the research aligns with the mission and priorities of the DSFC and existing research on the Dunham families. A written report of the research process and findings must be submitted to the Board within 10 weeks of the research event.

Funding decisions require the consent of a majority of the Board members. Funds may be used for reimbursement of specific expenses necessary to the research (including but not limited to consultant or expert services, documents, copies, lodging, and transportation). Reimbursement does not extend to the individual's time or normal living expenses. The Board may authorize partial funding of a request, and specify what tasks or expenses will or will not be reimbursed. Funding may not exceed the dollar amount in the Family History Research account.