

DS-FC Minutes April 2013

The Dunham-Singletary Family Connections board of directors held an on-line meeting via email exchange from 14 March through early April, 2013. Directors present were: David Lee Dunham, President; John L. Dunham, Secretary; James A. Streeter, Treasurer; Gratia Dunham Mahony, Historian; Jeffrey M. Dunham; Paul C. Dunham; Trudy Dunham; Selma Dunham Blackmon; and Lloyd E. Dunham.

Agenda:

- Item 1. Membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies
- Item 2. Singletary Genealogical DNA Project Request for Information
- Item 3. New Dunham Research in England
- Item 4. The 2013 DSFC Budget
- Item 5. Non Compliance with Bylaws provisions

President David L. Dunham opened the meeting by requesting consent of the board to consider the five agenda items by email discussion. Discussion via a "reply to all" response will allow all board members to have time to discuss each item and to cast their vote. Motions will be made and seconded and the final vote tabulated by the president. This will mean that the complete board meeting will take some time. Five of the nine board members having consented to the online meeting the meeting proceeded.

Item 1. The motion "That DS_FC join the Federation of Genealogical Societies" was made by James A. Streeter and seconded by Paul C. Dunham.

Discussion of the benefit of belonging to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) followed. Points were that FGS serves the needs of member societies by providing information on growth and development, publication FORUM magazine pertaining to society management, and linking the genealogical community through its annual conference. DS_FC would be listed in their Membership Directory, and thus increase our exposure as an organization. Annual cost \$45.00.

Item 1. Passed by unanimous consent

Item 2. The motion "That we request John Dunham Duguid to inform the descendants of Richard Singletary who have participated in DNA testing about the Singletary DNA project and request that they contact Mr. Doug Wilson, administrator of that project" was made by Gratia D. Mahony. Trudy Dunham seconded the motion.

Discussion of a request by Mr. Doug Wilson, provided additional information. From Mr. Wilson's letter "The Singletary surname project has now been created to determine if those with the Singletary surname in America come from a small family line in England of that name. I need your help to contact the members of your (DNA) project that descend from Richard Singletary. I would like them to also join the Singletary project at no cost to them."

Further discussion proposed that Mr. Doug Wilson should write a letter addressed to the Dunham DNA project participants that spells out the benefits and ramifications of sharing their information. Wilson should send that letter to John Duguid (DS_FC DNA project coordinator) and he would then forward that letter to the Dunham DNA participants who are Singletary descendants. The Singletary descendants interested in participating could then contact Wilson directly. This method would allow the Singletary

descendants themselves the right to share their information but would keep DS_FC from providing any contact information of its members.

Item 2. Passed (7 affirmative votes, no negative votes)

Item 3. The motion "That DS_FC reserve up to \$500 for initial research to be done in England for the purpose of learning more information about the Dunham families who lived in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire" was made by Gratia D. Mahony and seconded by Jeffrey M. Dunham.

Discussion followed stating that a Bedfordshire researcher working with DS_FC member George Doty has recently found the original entry in the Pirton, Hertfordshire Parish register of the birth of John Dunham, son of Richard Dunham, on 8 February 1589. George Doty sent the contact information of the Bedfordshire researcher to Gratia and she had been in contact with her to inquire if she would do some further research on the Dunham families living in Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire area within the nearby communities. Her reply was affirmative and she provided a fee schedule.

Item 3. Passed (7 affirmative votes, no negative votes)

Item 4. The motion "That DS_FC adopt the 2013 budget as proposed by the treasurer" was made by Gratia D. Mahony and seconded by Lloyd Dunham.

Treasurer James A. Streeter provided the proposed Budget for 2013. When this is approved he will arrange to have it posted on the DS_FC website.

The proposed 2013 Budget: Expenses

Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	\$ 15.00
Federation of Genealogical Societies Membership	\$ 45.00
Research Fees and Supplies-Gratia Mahony	\$1,800.00
Research in England	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$2,360.00

Total Account Balance as of 22 Feb. 2013 \$9,268.41

There was some discussion about the benefit of advertising DS_FC on Google. It might increase visits to the website, and thus generate more new members. This item will be reserved for a later board meeting agenda.

Item 4. Passed (7 affirmative votes, no negative votes)

Item 5. (Requires no vote) Several items need to be added to the DS_FC Web Page in order to be in compliance with Bylaws provisions.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John L. Dunham, Secretary (with assistance from Gratia D. Mahony)