

Clan Cunningham International

Minutes of the Council Meeting October 25th, 2015

Call to order at 3:10 PM EST by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold RED font:

Kelly Cunningham (President), **Steve Cunningham** (VP), **David Pickens** (Secretary/Treasurer), **Patricia Paisley** (Membership Director), **Alex Cunningham** (Regional Secretary), Sheryl Cunningham (Genealogist), **Amy Dean** (Historian), Barbara Ball (Newsletter Editor), Bartley Payne (Regional Director to Cunningham's in Uniform), **Jerry Lester** (Webmaster), **Phil Cunningham** (NZ Regional Director), Robert Cunningham (Mid America Regional Director), Nancy Cunningham (Canadian Regional Director), **Dr. Bill Cunningham** (Northeast USA Regional Director), Catherine Cary (Legal Advisor to the President).

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of the September meeting was approved (no additions or corrections)

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Pickens

- Total in bank is \$2827.30 and \$601.14 in PayPal.
- Will be making a transfer later today of \$600 into out checking account.

Membership Report: Pat Paisley

- 9 renewals and 3 new members. We currently have 124family memberships

Regional Secretary's Report: Alex Cunningham

- Alex reports he has talked with Alastair Cunningham about out 2016 gathering in Scotland and they recommend the Fenwick Hotel in Kilmarnock for the host hotel. It is a very nice hotel with the necessary accommodations for our meeting.
- Options were discussed as what to see or arrange for as a tour (if we want to arrange a tour). For sure we will want to have a "Meet and Greet" time as well as a visit the Glencairn Aisle (probably on Sunday afternoon). This is all in addition to the Caprington visit.
- It was suggested that even if the windows are not installed, to have one to display at our meeting. David said he did not think that would be a problem to at least have a completed window for display.

Genealogist Report: Barbara Ball – not present (on vacation)

Webmaster's Report: Jerry Lester

- No problems with the site. He has added information on Sir John's visit to Stone Mountain.
- Has added a contribution form to download for general donations to CCI. e report president's report for the site.
- Jerry requested Pat for an update on new members and renewals for the last 3 months and to include in addition to their names, their state/country.
- Requests any "Flowers of the Forest" to include also.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Sheryl Cunningham – not present

- David reports they will work to get another newsletter out in November focusing mostly on Sir John's visit to the Stone Mountain Games.

Historian Report: Amy Dean

- She is presently going through all the newsletters and council minutes to make sure they are all indexed and in our DropBox.

Vice President: Steve Cunningham

- Steve reports he will put the information about our 2016 meeting up on our Facebook site.
- Steve is creating a FaceBook site for Cunningham castles with information on contributing to CCI for general use.
- Steve asked about our Twitter Account and how to get into it. It was agreed for David to contact Beverly Lueke (former Webmaster) if she had information on how to access the site.

President's Report: Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly reports she has sent the Glencairn glasses to all the former officers with a note of appreciation for their services.
- Kelly will try to contact Jody _?_ from N. Ireland (the highland dancer who wears the Cunningham tartans) who we met in 2009 to see if she would possibly come to the 2016 gathering to dance.
- Kelly brought up that Barbara Ball and Sheryl Cunningham will, with counsel approval, swap positions so that both can better serve the organization. David made a motion to approve the swap, it was seconded and approved.

New Business:

- David reported on our chief's visit at the Stone Mountain games in October and the visit with Nancy Cunningham in Canada. Sir John had a wonderful time and David reports receiving emails and calls from the Stone Mountain games representatives and Also from the 2 of the distinguished guests of the games (Ru Morrison – Chief of Clan Morrison and The Honorable Andrew Morrison - Viscount Dunrossil) of how pleased they were to meet our chief and how impressed they were with him.
- Dr. Bill Cunningham requested everyone read the email he had sent concerning establishing a scholarship fund within CCI. Many other clans have this and it is definitely something we should consider. There was some discussion and questions and this will be discussed more at our next meeting.
- We need to establish a nominating committee ASAP for our 2016 election. Steve and Kelly both volunteered. David said he would but preferred to involve others in this process. Doc Bill mentioned getting this done soon so that ballots etc can be done timely.
- A straw poll was made of what officers would try to attend the 2016 gathering.

Next Council Meeting: November 15th, 2015 at 3:00 PM EST

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer