

Clan Cunningham International

Minutes of Council Meeting on February 23, 2014

Call to order at 3:08 PM EST by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold blue 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

Address by the Clan Cunningham chief - Sir John Christopher Foggo Montgomery Cuninghame

- Sir John joined us for the beginning of the meeting to speak to the Council. He gave a brief account on how he and David first met in about 2003 and then the meeting at the Glasgow dinner in 2009 with those members of CCI attending the Edinburgh Gathering. Sir John spoke of the difference in the highland clan chiefs and the lowland families and how he was more correctly the Head of the Family of Cunningham. He recognized CCI for our hard work and encourages us on to promote the clan/family and how he supports us in our work. Concerning coming over to the states, he will continue to keep working towards the goal of coming to the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta the third weekend of October but due to his wife's delicate health, he cannot plan that far in advance but has it on his calendar and will definitely try coming if at all possible.

Secretary-Treasurer Report - David Pickens

- Motion was made, seconded and approved of report from last meeting of January 26th, 2014 with one correction that Kelly and Sheryl had both shared paying Jody Mills dues.
- Since the first of the month, we have received new members and renewals totally \$240.00. The present balance in our PayPal account is \$245.50 and \$3500.04 in our checking with \$1575 dedicated to the Glencairn Aisle Project.

Membership Report - Pat Paisley

- we have 5 renewals and 3 new members – we presently have 135 active members

Regional Secretary Report – Alex Cunningham (Scotland)

- Alex reports that there was little activity but will report on the Bannockburn event later in the meeting.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Barbara Ball

- Barbara was unable to attend. David reports he has sent the newsletter via email twice but questions whether it has gone out due to computer issues. He used Outlook for our newsletter gmail account but has other Internet Explorer issues he just found out earlier today. David and Barb need to get together as she has volunteered to send it out herself.

Webmaster's Report - Jerry Lester

- Jerry reports that the issue we had with the Facebook, Flickr and Twitter buttons on the front page of our website has been fixed and are now working.

- Jerry advised everyone hosting a CCI tent at a games to make sure website of the games uses the correct link to our organization and not another Cunningham organization.
- We received a bill on hosting from our website designer and this has been paid in the past by Bartley but we need to pay this and not have Bartley responsible for this AND we just received a hosting bill from GoDaddy which hosted our former site, before not paying, we need to be sure we don't owe that in addition to the one from Creative Insites.

Genealogist's Report - Sheryl Cunningham

- Sheryl was able to attend only part of the meeting due to some technical issue and will email David her report to be included in the minutes. (See attachment 1 & 2 at the end of the minutes for Sheryl's report)
- Kelly report she has been gathering information on the DNA studies that can be done to trace your genetic ancestry and that we will do an article on this for the newsletter as it seems a lot of the other clan organizations are doing this. David advised that Bartley knows a lot about this and could help.

Historian's Report - Amy Dean

- Amy reports she is still working on archiving all our Council meeting minutes in our Dropbox account and is presently up to year 7. Special thanks to Carol Bishop for providing the records and to Dr. Bill and David too.
- She is working on the CCI Annual Report and will have that completed for review by the March meeting.

Vice President's Report - Steve Cunningham

- Steve has nothing to report at this time.

President's Report - Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly is working on a standard email to send out to folks that sign in at CCI tents
- She has put a blog on Irish Geese hoping to get interest from Irish Cunninghams
- She is trying to work with the photo of Sir John that Steve put on Facebook to make a poster of introducing Sir John as our chief.
- She is getting ready to go to the Hawaii games in April.
- Has sent a card from CCI to the Czarowitz Family due to the loss of their daughter, Kara.

New Business:

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Next Council Meeting March 30rd, 2014 at 3:00PM EST - **REMEMBER THE MEETING TIME**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47PM EST

- Respectfully submitted by David Pickens, Secretary-Treasurer

Attachment #1

Genealogist's Report
CCI Council Meeting
2-23-14

I have received a genealogy from a new member and working to see how to get it in to our record, and have received a request from a current member and am researching to help find any connections in our files.

I wanted to mention that members of the Ulster Historical Society will be conducting a US Tour beginning March 8 and continuing through March 22. They will be visiting seven major US cities. I have sent David a list with contact information for those sites. The major focus of their presentations is assisting people in tracing their Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. I also wanted to mention that one can join the society for a reasonable cost (30 pounds per year, or a little less than \$60) and membership grants one access to a multitude of resources for their genealogical pursuits.

Attachment #2

Ulster Historical Foundation on February 18, 2014

In March 2014 Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan of the Ulster Historical Foundation will undertake another of their annual lecture tours in the USA.

Dates on the itinerary include:

Denver CO, Saturday, 08 March Hosts: The Wales Ireland Scotland England (W.I.S.E.) Family History Society Further details: <http://www.wise-fhs.org/>

Des Moines IA, Monday, 10 March Host: Iowa Genealogical Society Further details: http://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=539

Lincoln NE, Tuesday, 11 March Host: Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society Further details: www.llcgs.info/

Bolingbrook, IL, Wednesday, 12 March Hosts: The Plainfield Public Library and the Fountaindale Public Library Genealogy Club Further details: <http://www.fountaindale.org/calendar/register-here.html>

Chicago, IL, Thursday, 13 March The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL <http://www.newberry.org/03132014-researching-your-irish-ancestors>

Memphis TN, Saturday, 15 March Host: Tennessee Genealogical Society Further details: www.tngs.org/

Boise ID, Sunday and Monday, 16/17 March (over 2 days) Host: Boise State University Further details: <http://basquemuseum.com/content/discovering-your-roots>

Greensburg PA, Thursday, 20 March Host: The Westmoreland County Historical Society Further details: www.westmorelandhistory.org

Philadelphia PA, Friday, 21 March Host: The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Further details: <https://genpa.org/civicrm/event/info?id=77&reset=1>

Other dates may be added soon.