

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING/BOA

AUSTIN, TEXAS, MARCH 24, 2017

A quorum being present, Governor Rick Denham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Governor General, Lea Filson, was approved to attend the BOA meeting.

Governor Denham announced that Parliamentarian, Jane Power, was unable to attend this meeting. Linda Hill was asked to serve as Parliamentarian for this meeting. A motion to appoint Linda Hill as Parliamentarian for the BOA and Annual Meeting was made by Mike Nichols and a second made by Mike Byrne. This appointment was approved by the BOA for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Governor Denham announced the minutes of last year's meetings were read and approved by a committee of three. A new committee of three, Michael Byrne, Jennifer Mitten and Betty Prince had been asked to serve as readers for this year. A motion to approve these appointments was made by Leah Davis and a second by Pat Nichols. This appointment was approved by the BOA for approval at the Annual Meeting.

A time keeper, Leah Davis, was also appointed and approved.

Debbie Werner, James Walker and Peggy Marsh were appointed as tellers. Leah Davis made a motion to approve these appointments was made by Leah Davis and a second by Charles Prince. This appointment was approved by the BOA for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Gov. Denham announced that two Actions were approved by an e-mail vote and ratified at BOA meeting on March 24, 2017.

1. Appointment of Tyler Colony Governor, James Walker as Chairperson of the new 2020 Fund Campaign.
2. A \$1,500, non-budgeted expense, was approved for Historian-related expenses.

A motion to ratify these two email votes was made by Mike Byrne and a second by Betty Prince.

The ratification was approved by the BOA for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Gov. Denham the GSMD Executive Committee Member-at-Large, introduced GSMD Deputy Governor General, Mike Nichols, and Assistant General, Judie Allen. Both reported their reports had been filed.

General Society officers were called upon and all reports submitted were filed. Reports were available at the meeting as well as linked on the website for all to view. These reports will be included at the end of the minutes. Only reports requiring action were addressed at the meeting. Governor Denham announced the Treasurer's report and the reports of the Finance, Audit and Endowment Committees would be taken as a group since they all deal with the Society finances.

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REPORT OF THE STATE COUNSELOR: Lisa Pennington.

COLONY GOVERNOR REPORTS

Central Texas: Dwight Benson

Corpus Christi: Nancy Parker

Dallas Fort Worth: Prarie Counce

Houston: Leah Davis

San Antonio: Debbie Werner

Tyler: James Walker

Waco: Ann Harder

West Texas: Lorie Holbrooks

Treasurer and Finance Chair, Mike Nichols presented the recommendations of the Finance Committee. **Mike Nichols made the motion to approve all five recommendations to the General Meeting for adoption.**

- 1. The Treasurer transfer the actual amounts of the Scholarship, education and Library expenses from the Mayflower Fund instead of the budgeted amounts.**
- 2. The mid-year meeting of the Texas Society officers and the Colony Governors be held again. \$500 has been budgeted to defray the expenses of this meeting.**
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5. Mike Nichols made the motion to approve recommendation five: **Increase the Annual Meeting contribution to the hosting colony to \$3,000. Regarding the fifth recommendation, Mike Nichols stated that changes to the standing rules would need to be changed and therefore 2/3 approval of this recommendation was needed.**

Governor Denham separately called for each item to be discussed and a unanimous approval was directed on each recommendation.

Audit Committee Chair, Charles Prince gave the Audit Committee recommendation. The one recommendation of the Committee came in response to the expanded requirements from the IRS. Bart Henson has suggested it might be in the best interest of the Society to pursue an independent audit of our financial records in the year 2018, and begin to research the expense and requirements in calendar year 2017. This will assure integrity of the records and protect the Treasurer.

Charles Prince made the motion to approve the recommendations to pursue an independent audit of our financial records in the year 2018, and begin to research the expense and requirements in calendar year 2017 to be presented the General Meeting for adoption.

Governor Denham called for discussion and the motion was approved.

Bart Henson was unable to be at the meeting. Dwight Benson, member of the Audit Committee presented the report and recommendations.

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5. **Reinvigorate our 2020 Fund commitment, effort and communications.** This should include full staffing of the 2020 Fund committee (not the 2020 committee) and clear appeals to our members to show how these supplemental funds to the existing endowment funds will enable us better to fulfill our mission by increasing the size of our state scholarships to \$5,000 and \$3,000 and increasing educational efforts. (Donations during 2016-7 of \$5,877 fell far short of the \$25,000 needed each year from 2016 to 2020 to accomplish this goal).

Dwight Benson made the motion that the recommendations of the Endowment Committee be approved by the BOA for presentation to the General Assembly.

Governor Denham called for discussion and voted on each recommendation separately. All recommendations were approved.

New Business: **Mike Nichols made a motion that new officers and committee chairs be invited to attend the second BOA meeting to be held on March 25, 2017. A second was made to this motion by Prairie Counce and the motion was approved.**

Governor Denham adjourned the meeting at 4:30.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

AUSTIN, TEXAS, MARCH 25, 2017

A quorum being present, State Society Governor Richard Denham called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The assembly was asked to stand for the invocation, which was given by Central Texas Colony Elder, Cynthia Russell. The Austin and Georgetown SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. Central Texas Colony Captain, Barbara Alvarez, lead the Pledges.

Gov. Denham welcomed all in attendance. He introduced special guest, Governor General, Lea Filson, to the meetings. He thanked the Central Texas Colony for hosting the meeting and introduced Central Texas Colony Governor, Dwight Benson, who welcomed everyone to Austin and read the Proclamation signed by the Mayor of the City of Austin.

Governor Denham announced that Parliamentarian, Jane Power, was unable to attend this meeting. Linda Hill was asked to serve as Parliamentarian. This appointment was approved by the BOA which met on March 24, 2017.

After asking members to read over the Standing Rules for this meeting, Governor Denham asked if there were any objections to the Standing Rules. Hearing none, the Standing Rules were approved.

Gov. Denham asked if there were any objections to the program as printed. Hearing no objections, the program was approved.

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The Credentials Report, prepared by registration chair, Pat Nichols, and read by Governor Denham, stated that 52 members and 28 guests were registered for this meeting. All eight colonies were represented.

Gov. Denham as the GSMD Executive Committee Member-at-Large, introduced GSMD Deputy Governor General, Mike Nichols, and Assistant General, Judie Allen. Both reported their reports had been filed.

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Governor Denham asked for Standing Committee reports.

Bylaws Committee Chair, Lisa Pennington, presented the By-Laws Committee report. These proposed changes were published in the newsletter and appeared in the reports which were available at the meeting and linked to the TXSOMD website.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments for Consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting Concerning Junior Members

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP SECTION 2. CLASSIFICATIONS. B. Junior Membership

1 Amend by striking current section entirely and substituting a new section

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>A member in good standing may make application for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who is related by blood to that member through the line on which the member was approved for the Society. A Junior Preliminary Application shall be obtained from the Co-Historian and returned to that office with an application fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Such application shall require the name of the Junior and the signature of the member presenting the applicant. No dues are to be paid. Junior applications shall follow the same procedure as for Regular Membership, except that no lineage papers shall be sent to Plymouth. After approval of the completed worksheet, the State Co-Historian shall enroll the applicant as a Junior Member, assign a Texas Junior Membership Number, file the worksheet, and return one copy to the Junior member.</p>	<p>A member in good standing of the Texas Society may make application for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who is related by blood to that member through the line on which the member was approved for the Society. A Junior Application shall be obtained from the Junior Membership Chairman and returned with an application fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Such application shall require the name of the Junior and the signature of the member/sponsor presenting the applicant. The application shall be accompanied by the birth certificate of the prospective Junior member. The Junior Membership Chairman shall assign a Texas Junior Membership Number and notify the sponsor and Junior member of such number. No dues are to be paid.</p>

Rationale: Implement a new procedure simplifying Junior membership.

2 Amend by striking “other” in sentence 2.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>Membership in the Texas Junior Society shall terminate on the member’s 25th birthday. A Junior member between the ages of 18 and 25 years may transfer to Regular membership by fulfilling the other requirements for regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior-to-Adult Preliminary Application may be obtained from either the Co-Historian or the Junior Membership Chairman and returned to the Co-Historian with payment of a Junior-to-Adult Transfer Fee of One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00). No dues payment need accompany this application.</p>	<p>Membership in the Texas Junior Society shall terminate on the member’s 25th birthday. A Junior member between the ages of 18 and 25 years may transfer to Regular membership by fulfilling the requirements for regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior-to-Adult Preliminary Application may be obtained from either the Co-Historian or the Junior Membership Chairman and returned to the Co-Historian with payment of a Junior-to-Adult Transfer Fee of One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00). No dues payment need accompany this application.</p>

Rationale: Wording clarifies new procedure for Junior membership and Junior to Adult membership.

3. Amend by striking sentence two in its entirety and in sentence 3 strike One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) and insert One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00) and correct the total fee to Eight Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$855.00). Article now will read:

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>Junior Members under age 18 may become Life Members upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) and after complying with all procedures for Regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior member of the Texas Society shall become a Life member upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) after the approval of lineage papers by the state Co-Historian and the Historian General and after Texas and General Society numbers have been assigned. The Preliminary Application for the Junior member moving to become a Life member shall read: Application Fee, One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), Life Membership Fee, Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00), Total, Eight Hundred Seventy dollars (\$870.00).</p>	<p>Junior Members under age 18 may become Life Members upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) and after complying with all procedures for Regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. The Preliminary Application for the Junior member moving to become a Life member shall read: Application Fee, One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00), Life Membership Fee, Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00), Total, Eight Hundred Fifty Five dollars (\$855.00).</p>

Rationale: Corrects fees to agree with 2. Above

Lisa Pennington made a motion that recommendations of the Endowment Committee approved by the BOA for presentation to the General Assembly be approved.

Governor Denham called for discussion and voted on each recommendation separately. All recommendations were approved.

Governor Denham asked for other committee reports and all chairmen stated that all reports submitted had been filed.

Education Committee: Leah Davis
 Library:Linda Hill
 Junior Membership Committee:Peggy Marsh
 Public Relations:Judie Allen
 Publications: Pat Nichols

Awards: Dwight Benson

REPORT OF SPECIAL AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Archivist: Laurie Behn

Scholarship Committee: Charles Prince

2020 Committee: Lisa Pennington

Leah Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, read the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Governor Denham called for nominations from the floor. No other nominations being heard, Governor Denham called for a voice vote and all were approved.

- Governor Michael Nichols
- Deputy Governor Dwight Benson
- Correspondent Secretary Michael Byrne
- Recording Secretary Judie Allen
- Treasurer Charles Prince
- Co-Historian Kimberly Florsheim
- Co-Historian Lori King
- Co-Historian Elizabeth Heise
- Co- Historian Betty Gosden
- Assistant Co-Historian Kelly Lindsey
- Elder Bart Henson
- Captain John McWilliams
- Counselor Lisa Pennington
- Parliamentarian Appointed by Governor

As previously stated, Governor Denham announced the Treasurer's report and the reports of the Finance, Audit and Endowment Committees would be taken as a group since they all deal with the Society finances.

Mike Nichols, State Treasurer, presented the report and explained that requests made last year by the Audit, Endowment and Finance Committees had been implemented.

As of February 28, 2017, the Texas Society had \$13,965 in our Bank accounts, \$3,750 on deposit with GSMD, \$151,323 in the Life Member Fund at Vanguard, and \$410,818 in the Mayflower Endowment Fund at Vanguard, for a total of \$579,855.

Total income for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was \$61,807, compared to the budget of \$65,075. Total expenses were \$54,070 compared to the budget of \$65,075. We had a surplus of \$7,737 for the fiscal year.

Membership expenses were \$37,684, compared to the budget of \$36,602. Our Operational expenses were \$6,693, compared to the budget of \$9,770. Our Education, Library and Scholarship expenses were \$9,636 compared to the budget of \$12,620.

Historian expenses were \$3,152 compared to \$2,999 budgeted. We purchased the additional Mayflower Families books which were published for the Co-Historians, and we purchased one additional complete set of Mayflower books for our additional Co-Historian.

Treasurer expenses were \$496 compared to \$500 budgeted. Membership renewal expenses were \$1,446 compared to the budget of \$1,619.

This was the second year members were able to pay their annual dues on-line using a credit card. Nichols was pleased that 275 members paid their 2017 dues using this method.

The dues campaign went well. Four members purchased Life Memberships.

Six of our eight Colonies asked for reimbursement for Educational expenses for a total of \$3,810 of the \$4,000 budgeted.

The Library Committee spent \$1,826 compared to \$4,620 budgeted. One new library was added. Several of the anticipated new Mayflower Families books were not ready.

Life Membership Analysis was updated for the review by the Endowment Committee.

After receiving the requested financial information from the Colonies, Mike Nichols prepared and filed IRS Form 990 with the IRS for the Texas Society and all of the Colonies. He will again be asking the Colonies for their financial information in order to prepare and file our group IRS 990. We are now filing the full IRS Form 990 instead of the 990-EZ.

The books were examined by the Audit Committee on March 8, 2017.

The Finance Committee was called to report by Governor Denham. Mike Nichols, Chair, reported. The Finance Committee met on March 8 to review the finances of the Society and to prepare a recommended budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Members of the Finance Committee are Mike Nichols, Chairman, Bart Henson, Dwight Benson, Michael Byrne, Prarie Counce, Judie Allen and Charles Prince.

Budgeted Membership revenue for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$53,385. Other income and interest is budgeted at \$0. Scholarships and Education revenue is budgeted at \$18,380. Total budgeted revenue is \$71,765.

Budgeted Membership expenses are \$46,616(65% of total expenses). Operational expenses are budgeted at \$9,270 (13% of total expenses). Scholarships and Education expenses are budgeted at \$15,380 (21% of total expenses).

Mike Nichols stated that five recommendations came from the Finance Committee and approved by the BOA for presentation to the General Assembly.

Mike Nichols made the motion to approve recommendation one: **The Treasurer transfer the actual amounts of the Scholarship, education and Library expenses from the Mayflower Fund instead of the budgeted amounts.**

Governor Denham called for discussion and vote. The motion was approved.

Mike Nichols made the motion to approve recommendation two: **The mid-year meeting of the Texas Society officers and the Colony Governors be held again. \$500 has been budgeted to defray the expenses of this meeting.**

Governor Denham called for discussion and vote. The motion was approved.

Mike Nichols made the motion to approve recommendation three: **The annual contribution to the General Society be continued at \$1,620.**

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Mike Nichols made the motion to approve recommendation four: **Budget \$250 to the Awards Committee for each award recipient to pay for the donation of a commemorative brick in the Octagon area of the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway in the name of the award recipients.**

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Governor Denham called for discussion and vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

The report of the Audit Committee was presented by Chairman Charles Prince. On Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Annual Audit of the books of the Mayflower Society in the State of Texas was conducted by the Audit Committee in the Georgetown home of Mike Nichols. All financial books, records, statements and supporting documents were reviewed. As has been the case over the prior two term of the Treasurer, all statements and accounts were in order and it was clear that careful attention had been given to the accounting during the fiscal year running

from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. All accounts were found to be in good order by the Committee. An unqualified audit approval of the records and statements was given by the Committee for the excellent work committed to by Mr. Nichols. Only one recommendation came out of the meeting with the Treasurer, Finance Committee and Endowment Committee as noted in the Recommendations section below.

The Mayflower accounts continue to be maintained in QuickBooks accounting software, providing continuity that makes the Audit process very efficient. Various income, expense, transaction and asset statements were reviewed covering the fiscal year, and in comparison with the budget and prior years. Detailed spreadsheets showing historical trends by the line item and accounts were also provided and studied. The Treasurer also supplied the most recent account statements from A+ Federal Credit Union where we kept some of our Operating Account funds and Vanguard Investments where we maintain our investment accounts. All of these statements were again prepared with care and demonstrated the highest level of transparency, integrity, and great attention to detail that the Audit Committee has come to appreciate with our Treasurer. Cross checks confirmed the statements and the back-up asset account statements. These spot examinations confirmed the records were indeed accurate.

We reviewed progress against the audit recommendations from last year with the following results:

1. The one recommendation of the Committee was made in response to a recommendation of the Treasurer to change the rules requiring two signatures on all checks before they are mailed by the Treasurer. It is being recommended that proper Procedures be instituted to verify one signature for payments is working, and the Society continues to be protected.

This recommendation was implemented with much satisfaction, and greatly improved the process. It is a change that will continue to assist the parties involved with maintaining and processing the State receivables and payables.

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Governor Denham called for discussion and vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman of the Endowment Committee, Bart Henson was not present and the report was read by committee member Dwight Benson. Members of the Endowment Committee include Bart

Henson, chairman, Dwight Benson and Treasurer, Mike Nichols. Duties of the Endowment committee come from bylaws and standing rules to:

- Supervise the Endowment assets of the Texas Mayflower Society, investing for the long term while recognizing the needs for safety of principal, annual payments required and prevention of loss of value through inflation, annually reporting to the Board of Assistants.
- Oversee the Society gifting program
- Recommend the amount to be made available to support the Educational and Historical activities of the Texas Society.

The Endowment Committee met on March 19, 2016 at the home of the Treasurer Mike Nichols who had prepared records for our consideration. Endowment Recommendations to the Board of Assistants last year had been followed and implemented. Total investments in all funds increased in value over the past year by \$84,000 or 17% to \$579,856 primarily because of market valuation growth. Since 2007 (10 year period), investments have grown in value by 85% or an average annual increase of 6.35% despite continued pulls from the accounts for Life Member dues and scholarship/education expenditures.

Recommendations (in bold font) to the Board of Assistants and the Membership include:

1. **Move the 2016-7 year surplus of about \$7,800 to the Life Member Fund.** This will help to make the Life Member Fund more sustainable. **The Endowment Committee should examine the Life Member fund projections annually to insure long-term sustainability.**
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Dwight Benson made the motion that the recommendations of the Endowment Committee approved by the BOA for presentation to the General Assembly be approved.

Governor Denham called for discussion and voted on each recommendation separately. All recommendations were approved.

The next order of business was the election of the Nomination Committee Chair. Mike Nichols nominated Prarie Counce. Leah Davis seconded the motion. No other nominations were made and Prarie Counce was elected as the 2017-2019 Nominating Committee Chair.

The selection of Deputy Governor General and Assistant General to represent the Texas Society in Plymouth was opened for nominations. Michael Byrne made **the motion to nominate Mike Nichols for Deputy Governor General and Judie Allen for Assistant General.** No other nominations were made and a vote was taken and approved.

The Texas Society, based on membership will be allowed at least twenty-five delegates to the 2017 General Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts in September. Governor Denham asked for names of those interested in serving as delegates. A motion was made by Mike Nichols that we approve the following list of delegates and a second was made by Barbara Lewandowski. The motion was approved.

1. Dwight Benson
2. Lisa Pennington
3. Nancy Powers
4. Pat Nichols
5. Kimberly Florsheim
6. Patsy Crocker
7. James Walker
8. Charles Prince

9. Peggy Marsh
10. Sheryl Shilling
11. Sandra Sauers
12. Prarie Counce
13. Lori King
14. Leah Davis
15. Bart Henson
16. Dorothy Greene
17. Linda Hill

Being no further business, Governor Denham recessed the meeting at 10:33 to be reconvened at the Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

Banquet

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Governor Denham. The blessing was led by Cynthia Russell, of the Central Texas Colony.

Greetings were given by Central Texas Colony Governor, Dwight Benson.

Governor General, Lea Filson, presented the program titled, "State of the General Society through 2020 and Beyond".

The Resolutions of Respect was read by State Secretary, Judie Allen.

Whereas, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas met in session for its Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, March 24-25, 2017, and

Whereas, the Central Texas Colony serving as host, provided a meeting of great benefit, inspiration, entertainment and fellowship, and

Whereas, Members of the Central Texas Colony, the 2017 Planning Committee Dwight Benson, Kay Benson, Betty Prince, Kay Gregory, Cynthia Russell and Barbara Alvarez, Pat Nichols and Mike Nichols, Bill Marrs, Janet and Mark Kres, Tony Alvarez and Mary Taylor and many volunteers, gave unselfishly of their time, energy, dedication and support to make this a productive, memorable and enjoyable State Meeting, and

Whereas, speakers, Ali James, Curator of the Texas State Capital and his topic "The Texas Capital - 1840 to the Present Day"; Elizabeth Heise's presentation "DNA and The Mayflower Society" and Mike Byrne's presentation on "Civil Behavior and Punishment in Plimouth Colony" unselfishly provided enlightening and educational information and

Whereas, Governor General Lea Filson, was gracious to attend our State Meeting and provided an interesting and thought provoking program "State of the General Society through 2020 and Beyond", and

Whereas, Courtney Deangelis and Alexandra Wassell of the Double Tree Arboretum Hotel, and their staff, helped with lodging and catering during our stay,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this 2017 Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants State Meeting express its appreciation for the courtesies shown to our group.

Judie Allen moved for adoption of these Resolutions and Governor Denham called for a vote and approved these resolutions to be adopted March 25, 2017.

The Mayflower Compact and the Ancestor Roll Call were given by Central Texas Captain, Barbara Alvarez.

Dwight Benson, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented the Annual Award to Houston Colony Governor Leah Davis.

Door Prizes were given by Dwight Benson and his wife, Kay.

The Scholarship Committee report was made by Interim Chair, Charles Prince. Second Place winner, Riley Haralson (Central Texas Colony) read her essay and given a certificate. First Place winner, Jacob Hoyumba (San Antonio Colony) read his essay and given a certificate. The first and second place winners were honored with a \$3,000 and \$1,000 Scholarship to be paid directly to their selected institution.

Governor General, Lea Filson, installed the newly approved officers. Governor Denham presented the 2017-2019 Governor Mike Nichols the Governor's Medal and Mike Nichols gave his opening remarks.

Dallas/ Ft. Worth Governor, Prarie Counce, invited all to the 2018 Annual State meeting.

The closing benediction was given by Central Texas Elder, Cynthia Russell.

Governor Mike Nichols adjourned the 2017 Annual Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Hosted by the Central Texas Colony

2017 State Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin Northwest Arboretum, Austin Texas

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ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF GOVERNOR: Rick Denham

It has been a pleasure to serve as Governor for the past two years. I have enjoyed visiting Colonies around the state. I wish the new Governor success during the upcoming term. Thanks to all that have served as officers and committee members during my term.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR: Lorie Holbrooks No Report.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Prarie Counce

Membership count consisting of regular and life members as of March 10, 2017, was 1,256 members.

The Corresponding Secretary communicates regularly with the office of the Historian General reporting deaths, name changes, address changes, resignations, dropped members, reinstated members, transfers-in, transfers-out and dual memberships.

The Corresponding Secretary prepared an Annual Report for the Texas Society at the end of 2016 and submitted it to the Secretary General and required State Officers.

The Corresponding Secretary submits an end-of-the-month report to the Board of Assistants/Directors reporting database changes.

Certificates along with congratulatory letters were sent to four (4) new Life Members since the last annual meeting (2016).

The Corresponding Secretary communicates with members and potential members as the opportunity arises or is requested by others.

The Corresponding Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, Historians, and the Governor of the State Society, and appreciates their help and guidance.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Judie Allen

Unable to attend last year's meeting due to health and family issues, I would like to give many thanks to Linda Hill for serving as Recording Secretary at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Also, I give many thanks to Linda Hill and Prarie Counce for all of their guidance and friendship preparing for this year.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Mike Nichols

The requests made last year by the Audit, Endowment and Finance Committees have been implemented.

As of February 28, 2017, the Texas Society had \$13,965 in our Bank accounts, \$3,750 on deposit with GSMD, \$151,323 in the Life Member Fund at Vanguard, and \$410,818 in the Mayflower Endowment Fund at Vanguard, for a total of \$579,855.

Total income for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was \$61,807, compared to the budget of \$65,075. Total expenses were \$54,070 compared to the budget of \$65,075. We had a surplus of \$7,737 for the fiscal year.

Membership expenses were \$37,684, compared to the budget of \$36,602. Our Operational expenses were \$6,693, compared to the budget of \$9,770. Our Education, Library and Scholarship expenses were \$9,636 compared to the budget of \$12,620.

Historian expenses were \$3,152 compared to \$2,999 budgeted. We purchased the additional Mayflower Families books which were published for the Co-Historians, and we purchased one additional complete set of Mayflower books for our additional Co-Historian.

Treasurer expenses were \$496 compared to \$500 budgeted. Membership renewal expenses were \$1,446 compared to the budget of \$1,619.

This was the second year members were able to pay their annual dues on-line using a credit card. I am pleased that 275 members paid their 2017 dues using this method.

The dues campaign went well. Four members purchased Life Memberships.

Six of our eight Colonies asked for reimbursement for Educational expenses for a total of \$3,810 of the \$4,000 budgeted.

The Library Committee spent \$1,826 compared to \$4,620 budgeted. One new library was added. Several of the anticipated new Mayflower Families books were not ready.

I updated our Life Membership Analysis for the review by the Endowment Committee.

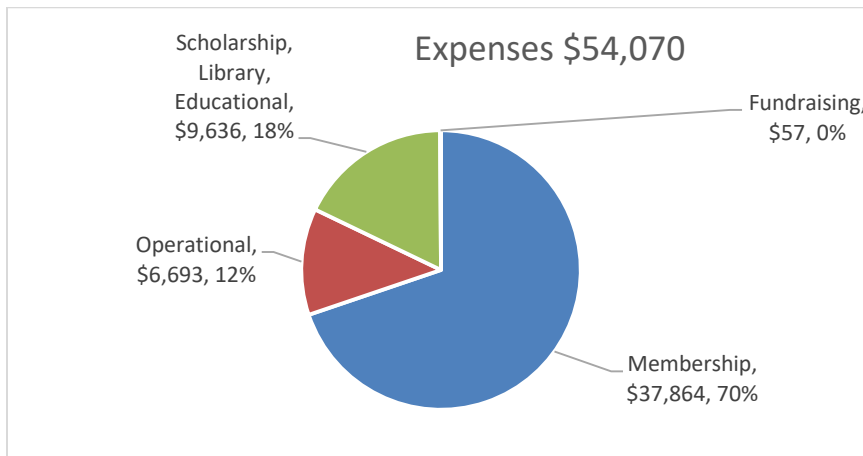
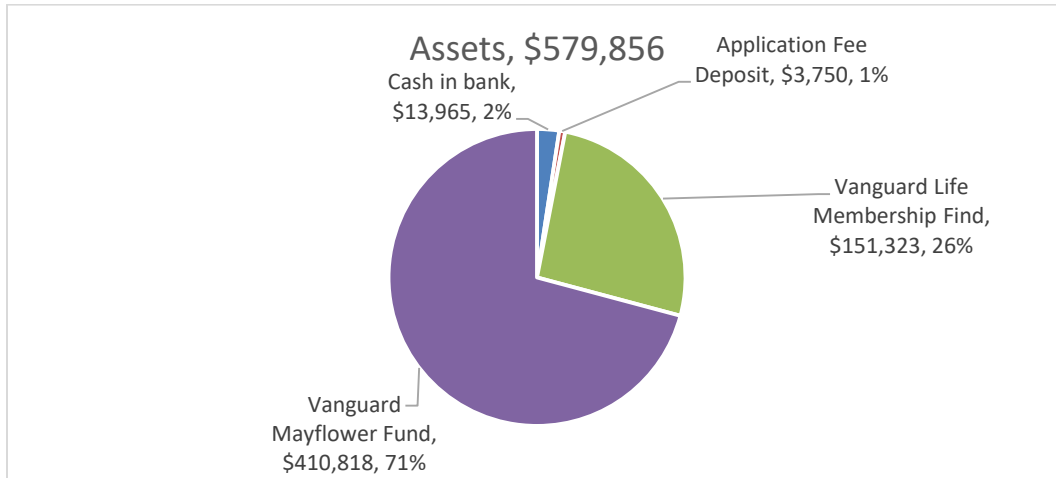
After receiving the requested financial information from the Colonies, I prepared and filed IRS Form 990 with the IRS for the Texas Society and all of the Colonies. I will again be asking the Colonies for their financial information in order to prepare and file our group IRS 990. We are now filing the full IRS Form 990 instead of the 990-EZ.

The books were examined by the Audit Committee on March 8, 2017.

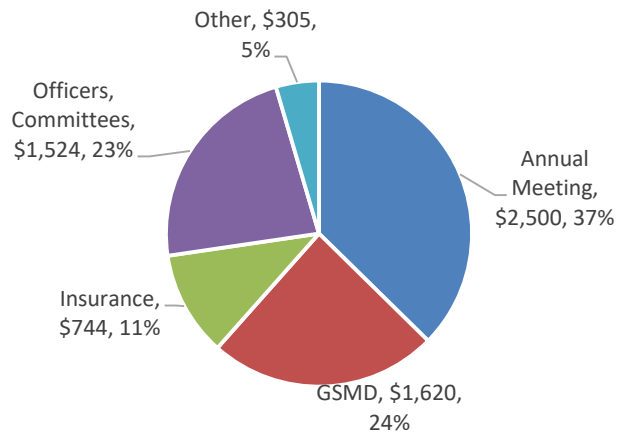
Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nichols

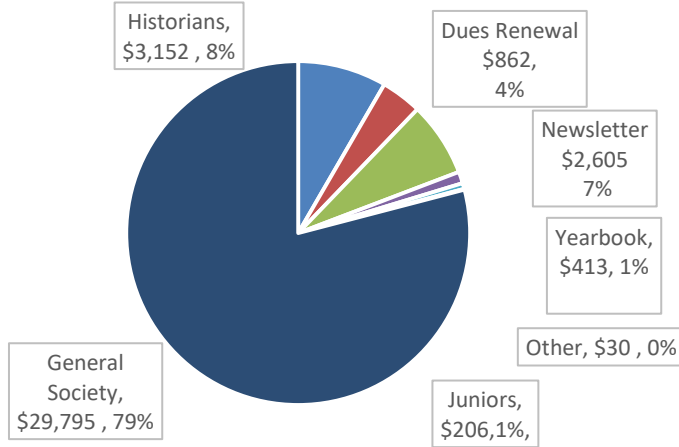
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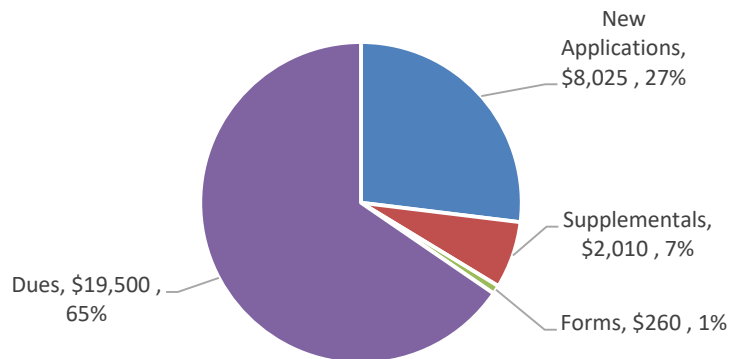
Operational Expenses



Membership Expenses, \$37,864



General Society Expenses, \$29,795



REPORT OF CO HISTORIAN: Jennifer Mitten

This has been an extremely busy year for the historians. For the calendar year 2016, we had 102 new members approved and 24 supplemental applications approved. Through February 17, 2016, we had an additional 12 new members and four supplemental applications approved. We currently have 16 new member applications and 7 supplemental applications pending in Plymouth.

For those who like statistics – the breakdown on ancestors is as follows: Stephen Hopkins (19); William Bradford (10); John Howland (10); George Soule (9); John Alden (9); William Brewster (9); Myles Standish (7); Edward Fuller (6); Richard Warren (5); Isaac Allerton (5); Edward Doty (5); William White (4); Francis Cooke (4); James Chilton (3); Henry Samson (3); John Tilley (3); Thomas Rogers (2); Elizabeth Tilley (2); Joan Hurst Tilley (2); John Billington (2); William Mullins (1); Francis Billington (1); Priscilla Mullins (1); Francis Eaton (1); Mary Chilton (1); Mary Allerton (1); and Samuel Fuller (1).

It was a challenging year for the historians. Approval wait times are still at about three months. The preparation of applications takes longer due to new documentation and citation enhancements from the Historian General that require significant research time for the historians and also require that every piece of evidence on prior applications be reviewed and cited according to the new guidelines.

I would like to thank all the Co-Historians and Assistant Historians for their hard work. We wish the new historians well. I hope they will remember that they can call on us with any questions.

Jennifer Mitten, Lead Co-Historian

Sheryl Schilling, Co-Historian

Betty Gosdin, Co-Historian

Lavonne Bradford, Assistant Historian

Elizabeth Heise, Assistant Historian

REPORT OF ELDER: Carolyn McCall No report.

Texas Mayflower Society Deaths Since the 2016 TXSOMD Annual Meeting

April 1, 2016 – March 6, 2017

- GS82720, TX2796, Floyd Eugene Duncan, on December 27, 2015, ancestor John Howland

- GS85676, TX2999, Mary Ann McKinney Bussa, TX life member, on March 1, 2016, ancestor John Alden
- GS68320, TX2121, Donald Child, 359 Club Dr, San Antonio, TX 78201-3714, on April 29, 2016, ancestor Francis Cooke. Donald was a former San Antonio Colony Governor
- GS52557, TX1367, Patricia H. Howard, Houston, TX on May 26, 2016, ancestor William Brewster
- GS56563, TX1532, Mary Anne Carlisle Lewis, 3634 E Clarendon Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85018-5119, on December 3, 2015, ancestors: John Tilley, Isaac Allerton, Francis Eaton, John Howland, Degory Priest, and John Alden. Mary Anne was a Life Member.
- GS23161, TX273, Priscilla Flawn, 4100 Jackson Ave, Apt 463, Austin, TX 78731-6067, on April 12, 2016, ancestor Richard Warren
- GS86066, TX3026, Carolyn Fagan, 313 Oak Ridge Dr, West Lake Hills, TX 78746-5329, on March 24, 2016, ancestor Stephen Hopkins
- GS82678, TX2795, Sidney Hockens, 4003 Misty Morn Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77479-3204, on July 3, 2016, ancestor Stephen Hopkins
- GS86375, TX3050, Richard Vern Herrick, 1640 Coyote Ridge, Carrollton, TX 75010-3248, on September 22, 2016, ancestor Edward Doty
- GS35849, TX807, Helen Terrell Nunnally, 5403 Brandon Ct, Tyler, TX 75703-3718, on June 28, 2016, ancestors John Alden and Francis Cooke
- GS76355, TX2458, Jarl Jones, 4818 Ferncreek Ct, Arlington, TX 76017-2622, on April 23, 2016, ancestor Richard Warren
- GS35996, TX810, James Darb Stewart, PO Box 120217, San Antonio, TX 78212-9417, on May 17, 2016, ancestors Francis Cooke, John Alden, and George Soule
- GS87915, TX3155, Jerral Duane Blair, 6228 Trail Lake Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76133-3406, on October 11, 2016, ancestor Edward Fuller
- GS83876, TX2894, Malcolm Hopkins, 311 W Nottingham Dr Apt 212, San Antonio, TX 78209-1827, on October 25, 2016, ancestor Stephen Hopkins

- GS63097, TX1923, Lois Riggs Hall, 1534 Larkin Ln SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105-3719 on October 9, 2016, ancestor John Howland
- GS87457, TX3121, Elmer Roy Hector, PO Box 978, Sulphur, OK 73086-7978 on April 11, 2016, ancestor Edward Fuller
- GS40653, TX1020, Mrs. Gene Helen Jackson, 5818 Pine Arbor Dr, Houston, TX 77066-2347 on November 19, 2016, ancestor William Brewster
- GS22441, TX1790, Allen Sanders, 813 Firewheel Trl, Fort Worth, TX 76112-1701 on December 6, 2016, ancestors George Soule, John Alden, and William Mullins
- GS29419, TX512, Paul Gervais Bell, Jr., 5555 Del Monte Dr Unit T3, Houston, TX 77056-4190 on October 31, 2016, ancestors William Brewster and Edward Doty
- GS28334, TX468, Bettye V. Glimp, PO Box 545, Eagle, CO on July 15, 2016, ancestor William Brewster
- GS72722, TX2289, Janice Jenne Hill, 918 Colchester St, Garland, TX 75040-1301, on January 26, 2017, ancestor Edward Doty
- GS63357, TX1924, Constance Higgins Smith, 217 Rosebud Ave, Corpus Christi, TX on December 16, 2016, ancestors Stephen Hopkins and John Tilley

REPORT OF CAPTAIN: Charles Prince No report.

REPORT OF COUNSELOR: Lisa Pennington No report.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL: Mike Nichols

The 2016 General Board of Assistants meeting was held at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 8-11. Texas was represented by Mike Nichols (Deputy Governor General and GSMD Technology Committee Chair), Judie Allen (Assistant General and GSMD Women of the Mayflower Committee), Rick Denham (GSMD Executive Committee Member at Large), Pat Nichols (Texas Society Publications Chair) and Linda Hill (GSMD Assistant Secretary General).

On Friday, September 9, the GSMD Committees had an opportunity to meet and report. A "Governor General's Forum" was held where a wide range of topics were discussed. Lengthy discussions were held regarding erecting a 2020 memorial in Plymouth, as well as the possibility of taking over the First Parish Church Meeting Hall in Plymouth.

The actual General Board of Assistants meeting was on Saturday, September 10. A request to charter a new member society in Europe was approved, providing they meet the requirement of 20 current members residing in Europe who are in good standing with their respective societies. The draft DNA Policy was also presented. Reports, reports, and more reports. Where would we be without reports!

REPORT OF ASSISTANT GENERAL: Judie Allen

The 2016 General Board of Assistants meeting held at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 8-11 was very informative. Our Deputy Governor General, Mike Nichols was quite impressive to all societies as he was so well informed on technological issues, finance issues and by-laws.

Governor General, Lea Filson, hosted listen-only conference calls for GSMD officers and members. These calls were held quarterly in order to update officers on news and Society business. These were very useful to keeping informed of GSOMD business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE: Charles Prince

Summary

On Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Annual Audit of the books of the Mayflower Society in the State of Texas was conducted by the Audit Committee in the Georgetown home of Mike Nichols. All financial books, records, statements and supporting documents were reviewed. As has been the case over the prior two term of the Treasurer, all statements and accounts were in order and it was clear that careful attention had been given to the accounting during the fiscal year running from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. All accounts were found to be in good order by the Committee. An unqualified audit approval of the records and statements was given by the Committee for the excellent work committed to by Mr. Nichols. Only one recommendation came out of the meeting with the Treasurer, Finance Committee and Endowment Committee as noted in the Recommendations section below.

Discussion

The Mayflower accounts continue to be maintained in QuickBooks accounting software, providing continuity that makes the Audit process very efficient. Various income, expense, transaction and asset statements were reviewed covering the fiscal year, and in comparison with the budget and prior years. Detailed spreadsheets showing historical trends by the line item and accounts were also provided and studied. The Treasurer also supplied the most recent account statements from A+ Federal Credit Union where we kept some of our Operating

Account funds and Vanguard Investments where we maintain our investment accounts. All of these statements were again prepared with care and demonstrated the highest level of transparency, integrity, and great attention to detail that the Audit Committee has come to appreciate with our Treasurer. Cross checks confirmed the statements and the back-up asset account statements. These spot examinations confirmed the records were indeed accurate.

We reviewed progress against the audit recommendations from last year with the following results:

1. The one recommendation of the Committee was made in response to a recommendation of the Treasurer to change the rules requiring two signatures on all checks before they are mailed by the Treasurer. It is being recommended that proper Procedures be instituted to verify one signature for payments is working, and the Society continues to be protected.

This recommendation was implemented with much satisfaction, and greatly improved the process. It is a change that will continue to assist the parties involved with maintaining and processing the State receivables and payables.

Recommendations

1. The one recommendation of the Committee came in response to the expanded requirements from the IRS. Bart Henson has suggested it might be in the best interest of the Society to pursue an independent audit of our financial records in the year 2018, and begin to research the expense and requirements in calendar year 2017. This will assure integrity of the records and protect the Treasurer.

Prepared by Charles R. Prince – Audit Chairman

REPORT OF AWARDS: Dwight Benson

It is my honor to submit this report on the 2016 activities of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas Award Committee.

As Chairman of the Awards Committee it was my distinct honor and privilege to present Mrs. Prarie Beth Counce with the “Award for Long and Distinguished Service to the State Society”. The award was presented on Saturday, April 2, 2016 during the Annual State Meeting Banquet at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, to the public acknowledgement and acclamation our friend Prarie received from her peers and the other attendees, she also received a framed certificate certifying her as the 2016 award winner, a \$1,620 donation made in her name from the Texas State Society to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, MA, and a memorial brick inscribed with her name to be placed in the Garden of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth.

The award committee's duties and the criteria for awarding this significant honor is contained in the State Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules, Section 3, Para, D. Prarie met all the criteria and more. She was duly nominated by at least five members of the State Society who submitted original letters nominating her. She was nominated for "handling special assignments with unusual distinction or merit."

Our friend Prarie certainly did this and so much more to enrich the State Society and further its goals. She was very deserving of the award.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS: Lisa Pennington

Proposed Bylaw Amendments for Consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting Concerning Junior Members

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP SECTION 2. CLASSIFICATIONS. B. Junior Membership

2 Amend by striking current section entirely and substituting a new section

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>A member in good standing may make application for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who is related by blood to that member through the line on which the member was approved for the Society. A Junior Preliminary Application shall be obtained from the Co-Historian and returned to that office with an application fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Such application shall require the name of the Junior and the signature of the member presenting the applicant. No dues are to be paid. Junior applications shall follow the same procedure as for Regular Membership, except that no lineage papers shall be sent to Plymouth. After approval of the completed worksheet, the State Co-Historian shall enroll the applicant as a Junior Member, assign a Texas Junior Membership Number, file the worksheet, and return one copy to the Junior member.</p>	<p>A member in good standing of the Texas Society may make application for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who is related by blood to that member through the line on which the member was approved for the Society. A Junior Application shall be obtained from the Junior Membership Chairman and returned with an application fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Such application shall require the name of the Junior and the signature of the member/sponsor presenting the applicant. The application shall be accompanied by the birth certificate of the prospective Junior member. The Junior Membership Chairman shall assign a Texas Junior Membership Number and notify the sponsor and Junior member of such number. No dues are to be paid.</p>

Rationale: Implement a new procedure simplifying Junior membership.

2 Amend by striking “other” in sentence 2.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
Membership in the Texas Junior Society shall terminate on the member’s 25th birthday. A Junior member between the ages of 18 and 25 years may transfer to Regular membership by fulfilling the other requirements for regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior-to-Adult Preliminary Application may be obtained from either the Co-Historian or the Junior Membership Chairman and returned to the Co-Historian with payment of a Junior-to-Adult Transfer Fee of One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00). No dues payment need accompany this application.	Membership in the Texas Junior Society shall terminate on the member’s 25th birthday. A Junior member between the ages of 18 and 25 years may transfer to Regular membership by fulfilling the requirements for regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior-to-Adult Preliminary Application may be obtained from either the Co-Historian or the Junior Membership Chairman and returned to the Co-Historian with payment of a Junior-to-Adult Transfer Fee of One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00). No dues payment need accompany this application.

Rationale: Wording clarifies new procedure for Junior membership and Junior to Adult membership.

3. Amend by striking sentence two in its entirety and in sentence 3 strike One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) and insert One Hundred Five dollars (\$105.00) and correct the total fee to Eight Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$855.00). Article now will read:

CURRENT	PROPOSED
Junior Members under age 18 may become Life Members upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) and after complying with all procedures for Regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. A Junior member of the Texas Society shall become a Life member upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) after the approval of lineage papers by the state Co-Historian and the Historian General and after Texas and General Society numbers have been assigned. The Preliminary Application for the Junior member moving to become a Life member shall read: Application Fee, One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), Life Membership Fee, Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00), Total, Eight Hundred Seventy dollars (\$870.00).	Junior Members under age 18 may become Life Members upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) and after complying with all procedures for Regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. The Preliminary Application for the Junior member moving to become a Life member shall read: Application Fee, One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00), Life Membership Fee, Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00), Total, Eight Hundred Fifty Five dollars (\$855.00).

Rationale: Corrects fees to agree with 2. Above

Due to action of the Finance Committee, we need to amend Standing Rule 7 to increase the amount of money for an annual meeting to \$3000.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Leah Davis

Historical Education in Texas is booming! This Education Chairman challenged all Colonies to bring the Mayflower to the children all year long. The Pilgrims lived and died through the year and not just at Thanksgiving. The Challenge was met!

Reading to children at schools and in Libraries, donating Pilgrim books to schools, Library displays, and class presentations have kept many members busy. Thousands of children have been reached through the Education Program in all parts of Texas.

Museum Boxes have been made and presented to several schools and one Museum Box was presented to the Education Chair of the Wisconsin SOMD from the D/FW Colony Education Chairmen Susie Ashbaugh and Carol Burnaman. Houston Colony has been developing the Museum Boxes for use in a number of schools in various school districts as well. The Museum boxes can be used at any time during the year.

Toys the children may have played with and collars are very popular, and having a teacher challenge with the toys has worked out to have various classes rooting for their teacher and all involved. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Fun should always be a part of any presentation. Pilgrim collars for making Pilgrim assistants made memories with the children. The cup and ball, top, hoop and stick, noughts and crosses were all known toys and games for having fun. Mayflower History is alive and well in Texas.

It has been a pleasure serving as Education Chairman.

Leah Davis

Houston Colony

Colonies Reporting: D/FW, Houston, Corpus Christi, West Texas and Central Texas

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND: Bart Henson

Duties of the Endowment committee come from our bylaws and standing rules to:

- Supervise the Endowment assets of the Texas Mayflower Society, investing for the long term while recognizing the needs for safety of principal, annual payments required and prevention of loss of value through inflation, annually reporting to the Board of Assistants.
- Oversee the Society gifting program

- Recommend the amount to be made available to support the Educational and Historical activities of the Texas Society.

The Endowment Committee met on March 19, 2016 at the home of the Treasurer Mike Nichols who had prepared excellent records for our consideration.

Our Endowment Recommendations to the Board of Assistants last year had been followed/implemented.

Our total investments in all funds increased in value over the past year by \$84,000 or 17% to \$579,856 primarily because of market valuation growth. Since 2007 (10 year period), our investments have grown in value by 85% or an average annual increase of 6.35% despite continued pulls from the accounts for Life Member dues and scholarship/education expenditures.

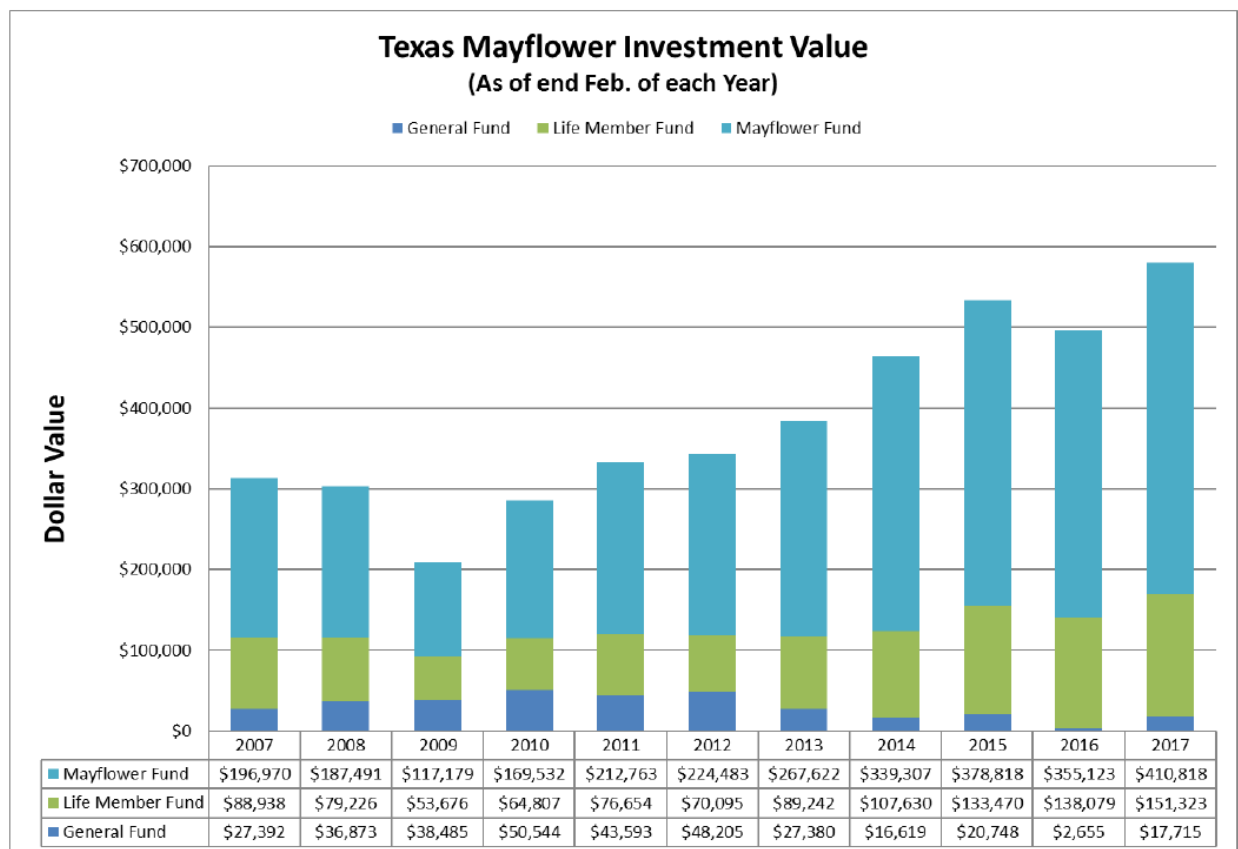
Recommendations **(in bold font)** to the Board of Assistants and the Membership include:

1. **Move the 2016-7 year surplus of about \$7,800 to the Life Member Fund.** This will help to make the Life Member Fund more sustainable. **The Endowment Committee should examine the Life Member fund projections annually to insure long-term sustainability.**
2. **Change the investment mix within the Life Member fund to significantly lower the allocation to REIT funds such that the final allocation would be 25% Equities, 50% REIT and 25% Bonds by**
 - a. **Selling about \$27,242 worth of the REIT index fund**
 - b. **Selling about \$18,059 worth (all) of Total International Stock Index**
 - c. **Purchasing about \$13,320 worth of Short Term Investment Grade Bond Fund**
 - d. **Purchasing about \$39,781 of Total Stock Market Index Fund**
3. **We recommend that up to \$18,380 (4.5% of the Mayflower fund) be transferred as needed to the General Fund to assist with actual scholarship grants and education expenses.** Since only \$6,636 (1.9%) was transferred in 2016-7 this permits slightly more than the desired 4.0% transfer as budget.
4. **Periodically examine the Life Member roster with whatever tools are available (Social Security Death Index, Internet and family sources, etc.) to remove deceased life members.** This will insure that we are not depleting the Life Member Fund unnecessarily by paying General Society dues for deceased Life Members.
5. **Reinvigorate our 2020 Fund commitment, effort and communications.** This should include full staffing of the 2020 Fund committee (not the 2020 committee) and clear appeals to our members to show how these supplemental funds to the existing endowment funds will enable us better to fulfill our mission by increasing the size of our state scholarships to \$5,000 and \$3,000 and increasing educational efforts. (Donations during 2016-7 of \$5,877 fell far short of the \$25,000 needed each year from 2016 to 2020 to accomplish this goal).

This following table shows what our asset mix of our funds in total looks like at the end of the 2016 fiscal year and what it will look like after the recommended asset switches shown in Recommendations 1 and 2 above.

Type Asset	end 2016	%		After revisions	%
Equity	\$246,447	42.5%		\$268,169	46.2%
Bond	\$130,357	22.5%		\$143,676	24.8%
REIT	\$181,426	31.3%		\$154,234	26.6%
Cash	\$21,575	3.7%		\$13,775	2.4%
Total	<u>\$579,805</u>	100.0%		<u>\$579,854</u>	100.0%

The chart below shows how our invested funds have grown over the past 10 years.



Respectfully submitted,

- Bart Henson (2019), Chair
- Dwight Benson (2017), Member
- Mike Nichols, Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee: Mike Nichols

The Finance Committee met on March 8 to review the finances of the Society and to prepare a recommended budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Budgeted Membership revenue for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$53,385. Other income and interest is budgeted at \$0. Scholarships and Education revenue is budgeted at \$18,380. Total budgeted revenue is \$71,765.

Budgeted Membership expenses are \$46,616(65% of total expenses). Operational expenses are budgeted at \$9,270 (13% of total expenses). Scholarships and Education expenses are budgeted at \$15,380 (21% of total expenses).

The Finance Committee recommends that:

- The Treasurer transfer the actual amounts of the Scholarship, education and Library expenses from the Mayflower Fund instead of the budgeted amounts.
- The mid-year meeting of the Texas Society officers and the Colony Governors be held again. \$500 has been budgeted to defray the expenses of this meeting.
- The annual contribution to the General Society be continued at \$1,620.
- Budget \$250 to the Awards Committee for each award recipient to pay for the donation of a commemorative brick in the Octagon area of the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway in the name of the award recipients.
- Increase the Annual Meeting contribution to the hosting colony to \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Nichols

Finance Committee
Mike Nichols, Chairman
Bart Henson
Dwight Benson
Michael Byrne
Prarie Counce
Judie Allen
Charles Prince

REPORT OF JUNIOR COMMITTEE: Peggy Marsh

The following historical stories and Junior information were compiled and emailed to Juniors, sponsors and the parents of Juniors, whose email addresses are available:

The series, Today in Our History - *Setting Sail, September 5, 1620; The Voyage of Your Pilgrims; Decembers in Plymouth: Building Plymouth, Starving Time* and Daniel Webster's speech at the Bicentennial in 1820; *Samoset and Squanto Meet the Pilgrims; Mayflower Returns to England - April 5 1621; How Thanksgiving Became a Tradition- What Does September 28 Have To Do With It?; Foods of the First Feast.*

November 24, 2016 - educational animated video, "*This is the Mayflower, Charlie Brown*"

October 15; December 21, 2016 - essay competition information and entry form for the "Hit Me with a Brick, I Didn't Know That!" composition competition for Juniors. Even with an extended deadline, there were no entries.

Texas Junior newsletter, *Cousins* spring issue, emailed on April 5.

Texas Junior newsletter, *Cousins* fall issue, emailed on November 11.

400 Ideas - January 9; October 12, 2016 - Sent contest information to Juniors, sponsors and parents. The purpose of this contest was for Juniors to share their ideas for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims. Governor Denham judged the winners, twin girls and their brother. Each received a 2020 pin and their ideas will be published in the in the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. On November 7, 2016, email contact was made with Dr. George Garmany. On December 21, Dr. Garmany and William R. Brewster of the Plymouth 2020 committee, each was sent a request to consider Junior ideas used in a national program for Juniors. No response was received. The contest will continue until the fall of 2020.

Beginning in October, welcome letters have been emailed to all new adult members on behalf of Texas Juniors to encourage Junior membership. Attached was an application and a copy of the most current Texas Junior newsletter. The list of new members was obtained from the Report of the Historian each month.

In December, emails were sent to Juniors, sponsors and parents as a reminder for the Texas scholarship deadline. Included was the Texas Society web site for scholarship application and Scholarship Committee contact information.

The Junior Preliminary Application and the Junior to Adult Application were updated in April.

August 21 - Welcomed San Antonio Colony Junior Co-Chairmen. Each was sent a list of suggestions for developing their program.

Emailed the following to Colony Junior Chairmen: newly revised Junior applications; copies of the Preliminary Applications of their new colony members; a letter explaining the link to the GSMD Junior

Committee for Junior resources; a Colony bookmark template with a copy of the GSMD approved reading list; copies of printable activities to use at Colony meetings; reminder of Junior Workshop in March. Mailed DFW Chair supplies for a Pilgrim game.

New Texas Junior members are mailed a certificate in a presentation folder, a welcome letter, a parchment keepsake copy of the Mayflower Compact and the book, *Don't Know Much about the Pilgrims*.

Emails were sent throughout the year to 18 year old Juniors with an application attached, welcoming their membership in the General Society.

The spring 2017 newsletter, *Cousins*, is near completion and will be emailed on April 5.

Texas Junior Chairman has been researching and discussing ways to develop a leadership group for Texas Juniors.

A Junior Program workshop is planned for the March meeting. A list of thoughts for the workshop was emailed to each Colony Junior Chairman in preparation for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Marsh, Texas Junior Chairman

Report of Library Committee: Linda Hill

I am happy to report that as of February 2017, we now have 13 libraries that we are serving in Texas. The latest is the library in El Paso. In addition, all libraries are up to date with the latest Silver Books that have been published by the General Society.

The thirteen Libraries are:

Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. 4th Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101

Texas State Library, 1201 Brazos, Austin, Texas 78701

Corpus Christi Public Library, 805 Comanche, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young St, Dallas, TX 75201

Fort Worth Library, 500 W. Third St, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, 5300 Caroline St, Houston, Texas 77004

Harlingen Public Library, 410 76 Drive, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Midland County Public Library/Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N, Midland, Texas 79705

San Antonio Public Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78305

Tyler Public Library, 201 S College Ave, Tyler, Texas 75702

West Waco Library and Genealogy, Buckner 5301 Bosque Suite 275, Waco, Texas 76710

Tyrrell Historical Library, 695 Pearl St, Beaumont, Texas 77701

El Paso Main Library, 501 N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas 79901

Linda L Hill, Library Chair, 2015-2017

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS: Leah Davis

The Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2017-2019 Texas Mayflower Society bi-ennium. Nominees will be accepted from the floor with the consent of the nominee. See Bylaws ARTICLE V: Nominations and Elections

Governor	Michael Nichols
Deputy Governor	Dwight Benson
Correspondent Secretary	Michael Byrne
Recording Secretary	Judie Allen
Treasurer	Charles Prince
Co-Historian	Kimberly Florsheim
Co-Historian	Lori King
Co-Historian	Elizabeth Heise
Co-Historian (possibly)	Nancy Powers
Assistant Co-Historian	Kelly Lindsey
Elder	Bart Henson
Captain	John McWilliams
Counselor	Lisa Pennington
Parliamentarian	Appointed by Governor

Leah Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: Judie Allen No report.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS: Pat Nichols

The Publications Committee published three newsletters on time and within budget. New members, both by application and transfer, received a copy of the TXSOMD Yearbook and an issue of the most recent newsletter.

Very little progress was made on converting more members to a digital newsletter where the bylaws allow.

Pat Nichols, Chairman

OTHER COMMITTEES

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Charles Prince

TXSOMD Scholarship Committee Report – Final 03/13/2017

Summary

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Madeline Alworth, Ron Carter, Mike Nichols, Michael Byrne, and Charles Prince, completed its work on schedule by March 1st, 2017. A selection committee was instrumental in making the selection of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ranking of the candidates who had submitted applications.

The two top winners were notified by a phone call on March 3rd, and received a follow up letter via email to confirm their placing in the 2017 Scholarship Award. They were invited, (along with two guests each), to attend the Banquet at the State Meeting in Austin, to be held on Saturday, 25th of March, and will be reading their essays during the presentation ceremony. The first and second place winners will be honored with a \$3,000, and a \$1,000 Scholarship to be paid directly to their selected institution, applied to their tuition expense for the first year of studies.

It has been an honor to fulfill the second year of the term of Mr. Richard Smith, who has served the State Society so well in getting the program up and running from inception.

Prepared by Charles R. Prince – (Interim) Scholarship Chairman

REPORT OF 2020 FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: Jim Walker No report.

REPORT OF 2020 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: Lisa Pennington No report.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST: Lori Behn

This continues to be a work in progress.

COLONY REPORTS

REPORT OF CENTRAL TEXAS: Dwight Benson, Governor

It is my honor to submit this report on the 2016 activities of the Central Texas Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas. This year the Colony's initiatives focused on 1) enjoying the fellowship and education of members and guest at both our Spring Luncheon and Compact Day Luncheon, and 2) providing educational resources to Central Texas young adults, schools, and public libraries.

The Central Texas Colony held its 2016 Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 9th at the Hilton Garden Inn and Suites Hotel-NW/Arboretum in Austin. The luncheon was well attended. We enjoyed a recap

of the 2016 Texas State meeting in San Antonio. We had a wonderful speaker. We haven't had a genealogist as a guest speaker of the Central Texas Colony in many years, and we were fortunate to have one of the very best. Ms. Sharon Moore Wolf is a popular and accomplished Genealogist based in San Antonio. She presented an informative and entertaining program entitled, "Researching on the Everchanging Internet".

Our 2016 Compact Day Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 5th, also at the Hilton Garden Inn and Suites Hotel, in Austin. This luncheon was well attended too. Mr. Michael Byrne, a long time State Society member and officer, and past Governor of the San Antonio Colony spoke to us on "Civil Behavior and Punishments in the Plymouth Colonie." This was an interesting program for all ages. He also presented a wonderful display of photographs from the Plymouth Massachusetts historical areas. Elected Officers serving the Colony during 2016 were:

Dwight Benson, Governor

Kay Gregory, Deputy Governor

Heidi Higginbotham, Recording Secretary

Harry Walden, Treasurer

Barbara Alvarez, Captain

Cynthia Russell, Elder

Laurie Walden, Historian

Betty Prince, BOA Representative

This year the Colony's educational initiatives focused on 1) providing educational books to the children and grandchildren of Colony members, 2) providing educational books to Central Texas schools and public libraries, and 3) providing Central Texas school districts with information about the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas' Scholarship Program. Please see the report submitted by our Colony Education Chairperson, Mrs. Betty Prince, for a complete list of our educational outreach.

The Colony also continues to distribute the Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas and Their Lineages, Volume IV the "Red Books", to various genealogy research groups in the area.

The Central Texas Colony looks forward to our upcoming 2017 fellowship and educational efforts.

Warmest Regards,

Dwight C. Benson, Central Texas Colony Governor

REPORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI: Nancy Parker, Governor

The Corpus Christi Colony held their Compact Day Luncheon on November 12, 2016 at the Yacht Club in Corpus Christi. The guest speaker was Betty Frantum. Her primary career was serving for 34 years with the National Park Service – including Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Fire Island National Seashore, and 3 years at the White House. Betty retired in 2008 after 17 years as Chief of Administration at Padre Island National Seashore. Also, Betty is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and the District Chair of Polio Plus. From 2010-2014 she is serving as the Assistant District Governor, Area 4.

Our education program continued with class presentations and the final distribution of “Coming To America” which now completes the distribution to Corpus Christi ISD and Victoria ISD. Seven children’s books were place in several school libraries

Our next meeting will be in April at the Yacht Club in Corpus Christi. A new slate of officers will be installed at this meeting.

Governor – Kellie Mathieu

Deputy G – Jacqie Perabo

R/C Sec – Dora Ortega

Treasurer – Nancy Parker

Elder – Donna Fossett

Counselor – DeWitt Alsup

Board of Assistants Representative – Judie Allen

REPORT OF DALLAS/FT.WORTH COLONY: Prarie Counce, Governor

The Dallas/Fort Worth Colony membership count is currently 121.

The Colony held its Compact Day Luncheon in November 2016 at The Texas Star Golf and Conference Centre located in Eules, TX. It was attended by 94 people. Bylaws were adopted; a Nominating Committee was approved; and Dr. Edward F. Countryman, University Distinguished Professor, William P. Clements Department of History, SMU, gave the program.

The Spring Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, will be a Pot Luck and Social. The meeting will take place at the Besse Mitchell House which is located in front of the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. New officers will be elected.

The Education Committee was very busy this past year compiling Museum Boxes and delivering presentations in which over 1,200 students viewed the Pilgrim story.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Colony Governor for the past two years, and to work with so many caring, dedicated Mayflower “cousins”.

Thank you,

Prarie Counce

Dallas/Fort Worth Colony Governor

REPORT OF HOUSTON COLONY: Leah Davis; Governor

Houston Colony has had a fantastic year! In the Spring, Houston Colony hosted the Interpreters from Plimoth Plantation for "An Afternoon With The Allertons".

It was a charming presentation with Richard Pickering and Vicki Oman, coordinated by Courtney Ross-Brannigan. Lisa Ribori, Vice President at HMNS attended the presentation and the meeting. The visit from our Plimoth Plantation culminated in a visit later to the Houston Museum of Natural Science in the fall of 2019 for the 2020 Celebration. Richard and Vicki gave several pair of Pilgrim wool stockings to the Governor and Steve Williams among others. Some will be used in presentations for children.

Jason Sharer won the first "Hit me with a Brick" award by interviewing one of his elders and writing the story of the visit. This contest was created by our State Governor Rick Denham to encourage youth to learn about their families. We are proud of Jason, even if his sponsor is in another Colony. Charles Prince, Scholarship Chairman, awarded Jonathan Jones our \$1620 Scholarship and the Colony wishes him well. The Scholarship is currently funded for the next year.

A Board meeting in the summer planned the various things for the Colony, determined and took care of any loose ends that needed to be tied up. Board meetings are so helpful with clearing the way to have fun at the meetings. The Board is excellent and so very helpful. This Governor appreciates the members of the Houston Colony Board.

The Thanksgiving meeting was a fun presentation of foods between the Chef of the BraeBurn Country Club, and David Furlow, who presented an excellent program enjoyed by everyone! The silent auction was very productive. The Principle on the Scholarship has never been touched. Decorations were squashes of various kinds and dried corn and winter vegetables that were won by those sitting in the number 8 chair at each table.

The Junior Committee and the Education and Membership Committees are very important to the Colony and Peggy Marsh and Sandy Sauers work very hard to keep things going. Both have excelled at their positions. We are so proud of both of them. The Audio Visual Committee has cared for our equipment and assisted with the Visual presentations for the Compact Meeting. They work hard and do excellent work. Thanks go to all the Committees.

Our meetings are well attended by over 100 members, the Compact meeting is attended by as many as 135/140. The Colony is growing all the time, the positive response by the returning attendees continues. The meetings offer a chance to meet cousins and likeminded persons as well as to celebrate the Ancestry of all.

The most important and most emphasized thing at the meeting is that they are enjoyed and that the attendees have a pleasant and fun time. Attendance is up and we are looking forward to the April meeting when our new Texas Governor Mike Nichols will install the new Officers. The Colony will be in excellent hands with our new Governor Charles Prince.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the Houston Colony Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants as Governor.

REPORT OF SAN ANTONIO COLONY: Debbie Werner, Governor

The San Antonio Colony meets four times each year- August, November, February and May- at The Gazebo Restaurant at Los Patios. Our current membership stands at 58. We had 4 new members approved this year and 1 transfer. We had one member who passed away this year. We continue to have guests and prospective members at every meeting. We average 45 attendees at each meeting.

Our biggest change this year has been to include the Junior members in our meetings. Junior Chairs Norene Fiocco and Emily Gary have found creative ways to include Juniors in our Compact Day programs through special readings and distribution of seeds that the Mayflower passengers would have planted. Norene's grandson, Noah Dow, shared a special report of his trip to Plymouth last summer at our February meeting. He brought notebooks with enlarged photos of the trip for us to pass around as he spoke.

We have had informative programs given by enthusiastic speakers at each meeting. Our programs included "Coastal Cowboys and Cattle Drives" by Paul Noack, "Aransas: The Life of a Texas Coastal County" by our own Sue Hastings, "The History of Thanksgiving from Henry VII to FDR" by Tom Jackson, and "Heroic Measures: American Nurses in WWI" by Jo-Ann Power.

Our Education money was spent on eight elementary schools in the Comal ISD in the New Braunfels area. Each school received a copy of the following books and materials: Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims, The Mighty Mastiff of the Mayflower, Eating the Plates, If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620, Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims, Three Young Pilgrims and the Coming to America packet from The General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

In February, we elected new officers for 2017-2019. They will be installed at the May meeting.

Governor: Barbara Warnock

Captain/Asst. Gov.: Mark Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Ellen Hernandez

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Durack

Treasurer: Zach Wannarka

Historian: Mary Eck

Elder: Joe Cox

Librarian: Valerie Guenther

Counselor Scott Cox

BOA Representative: Mike Byrne

REPORT OF TYLER COLONY: James Walker, Governor

The Tyler Colony met May 21, 2016, at the Green Acres Lake Retreat Center. After a delicious lunch and our business meeting, David and Betty Couch (descendant of Stephen Hopkins) gave a power point presentation about Plimouh Plantation with slides from their trip there with their two granddaughters. The girls enjoyed the costumed interpreters the most. David enjoyed the tour guide, Leo Martin, at the Jenny Grist Mill in downtown Plymouth. For many of us who had been to Plymouth, reliving the experience through their pictures was very nostalgic and inspired us to do the same with our grandchildren.

At our Compact Luncheon, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, the 11th Great-Granddaughter of William and Mary Brewster, Kelly Lindsey of Winnsboro, portrayed Mary Brewster, the oldest woman on the Mayflower. She wore a hand-sewn, "accurate", 17th century waistcoat and petticoat. She displayed games, toys, books, and artifacts of the Pilgrims purchased with our \$500 grant from the TXSOMD. Part of her presentation was about life aboard the Mayflower during the 65 days at sea. The sights, sounds, and smells came alive as she unwrapped the epic voyage.

Kelly is our Education Chair and has presented lessons on the Pilgrims. She writes, "I have been busy the last two days - made another poster for the Girl Scouts about toys and games in the 17th century and then went to their meeting last night and put on a program for them. THAT really was a success! It was FUN! The girls really had a good time as we all talked about the Pilgrims, Mayflower and how kids played 400 years ago. We all got on the floor (in my costume!) and played Nine Pins, Tops, Fox & Geese, Buzz Saw, Ring Toss and dolls!! The girls were VERY interested in the poster I had with the Pilgrim families who came on the Mayflower and then the ones who passed away.....they would ask me which ones were my 'Grandma and Grandpa' and then check who lived and who perished. I found out that very few knew ANYTHING about the Mayflower or Thanksgiving.....just that we have turkey and play football! They don't even know what 'Plymouth Rock' is!! Anyway, I tried to tell short little stories to the girls as we played with the various games and toys and later gave them instructions and corn husks to make their own corn husk dolls. I was very happy with how this turned out! I think the girls enjoyed it as much as I did!!!"

As Education Chair, Mrs. Lindsey has been a speaker for schools, scout groups, women's groups, etc. For program availability please contact Kelly Lindsey at 903-629-7837.

Submitted by Dennis J. Alden, Deputy Governor

REPORT OF WACO COLONY: Ann Harder, Governor

May 21, 2016 Waco Colony met at the home of our Gov. Ann Harder. The invocation was given by Elder Kay Wenzel. Pledges and reports were given. A nominating committee was selected to make a slate for our next officers. Barbara Lewandowski nominated Peter Kultgen to chair this committee. Research had been done to find books needed by the Waco-McLennan County Genealogy Center for their Mayflower Collection. A motion was made for the Waco Colony to purchase and present these to the Library.

Our speaker was David Vardeman, retired educator and avid collector of Native American artifacts. Dressed in his authentic costume, he shared stories and items he displayed.

June 8, 2016 Waco Colony members Barbara Lewandowski, Dottie Tate and Gov. Ann Harder went to the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center dressed in their Pilgrim costumes to present several books needed by the library to update their Silver Books for Mayflower Lineage. These books are used by researchers trying to connect their Mayflower family lines. The presentation was attended by several local newspaper and media personnel helping to advertise Waco Colony's contributions to promote interest in Mayflower Descendants.

Nov. 14, 2016 Members of the Waco Colony Gov. Ann Harder and Dottie Tate went to the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center, dressed in their pilgrim costumes to presented a program "Thanksgiving and the Mayflower Passengers" for the Library's noon time Brown Bag Luncheon Series. Displaying items and posters from Plimouth Plantation, the ladies gained some new prospective colony members from the gathering of attendees.

Dec. 10, 2016 Waco Colony's Forefather's Day Luncheon was held at the West Waco –McLennan County Library and Genealogy Center. Gov. Ann Harder welcomed our guests. After pledges and reports Gov. Harder read the list of Mayflower passengers allowing each member to rise at the mention of their Ancestor's name. The new slate of officers for the 2017-19 term were presented by Committee Chairman Peter Kultgen and accepted by the membership.

Governor-Dottie Tate

Deputy Governor- Barbara Lewandowski

Secretary- Ann Harder

Elder-Judy Baker

Captain- Belinda Summers

Treasurer- Peter Kultgen

After sharing a brief history of Forefathers Day, a program of "Music of the Seventeenth Century" was presented by the Horton Duo who played some lovely tunes.

We look forward to an exciting and productive future for the Waco Colony GSOMD.

REPORT OF WEST TEXAS COLONY: Lorie Holbrooks, Governor

The West Texas Colony met on November 12, 2016 at the Greentree Country Club in Midland, Texas. Governor Lorie Holbrooks called the meeting to order. A blessing for the wonderful traditional meal was offered by Elder Doris Redfern. Table decorations were provided by Pilgrim Geri Lilly.

It was reported that Pilgrim Joyce Moore purchased a new Patriotic wreath to be used for Memorial Services.

The West Texas Colony participated in a Constitution luncheon hosted by the Theunis Dey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held in Midland, Texas.

Governor Lorie Holbrooks, her husband Mr. Johnnie Holbrooks, Pilgrim Joyce Moore, her husband, Mr. Joe Moore, Pilgrim Billie Henry, her husband, Mr. Jim Henry, Pilgrim Louise Parmley, her husband, Mr. Peter Parmley, Pilgrim Geri Lilly, and Elder Doris Redfern were present.

A new slate of officer's was discussed and will be nominated on at the next meeting.

Elder Doris Redfern led the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING/BOA

AUSTIN, TEXAS, MARCH 25, 2017

A quorum being present, Governor Rick Denham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mike Nichols presented the 2018 budget. **Mike Nichols made a motion to approve the budget as presented.**

Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants									
Operations Report for 2012-17 and Proposed Budget for 2017-18		2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18		
		Actual	Actual	ActualQty	Budget	BudgetQty	Cost		
Revenue									
1	Membership Income							Membership Breakdown	
2	Annual Dues							Active Members	1,241
3	Membership Dues	29,491	30,431	1,014	29,010	967	30.00	Life Members	318
4	Life Member Fees from Life Member Fund	9,540	9,540	318	9,720	324	30.00	Plan New Members	90
5	Total Annual Dues	39,031	39,971	1,332	38,730			Plan New Life Members	6
6	Membership Fees							Plan Drops	40
7	Jr. Member Applications	690	375	25	375	25	15.00	Members Paying Dues	967
8	Junior to Adult Fees	855	735	7	0	0	105.00	Plan Supplemental Apps	25
9	Life Member Fees	8,875	3,000	4	4,500	6	750.00	Plan Junior Applications	25
10	Transfer Life Fees to Life Member Fund	(8,875)	(3,000)	4	(4,500)	6	-750.00		
11	New Member Application Fees	10,320	10,800	90	11,280	94	120.00		
13	Reinstatement Fees	290	290	10	0	0	30.00		
14	Supplemental Fees	2,400	3,000	25	3,000	25	120.00		
16	Transfer Fees	10	0		0	0	0.00		
17	Total Membership Fees	14,565	15,200		14,655				
18	Total Membership Income	53,596	55,171		53,385				
19									
20	Other Income and Interest								
21	Contributions to Mayflower Fund	385	385		0	0	1.00		
22	Transfer Contr. to Mayflower Fund	(385)	(385)		0	0	1.00		
23	2020 Fund Contributions		5,877		15,000				
24	2020 Fund Xfer to Vanguard		(5,877)		(15,000)				
34	Total Other Income and Interest	0	0		0				
35									
36	Scholarships and Education								
37	Mayflower Endowment Fund	10,000	6,636		18,380				
38	Total Scholarships and Education	10,000	6,636		18,380			\$3,000 Schol Payable	
39									
40	Total Revenue	63,596	61,807		71,765				
Expenses									
1	2020 Fundraising Expenses								
2	2020 Fund Online Payment Fees		57		500				
3	Total 2020 Fundraising Expenses		57		500				
4									
5	Membership Expenses							Membership Breakdown	
6	General Society Charges							Active Members	1,241
7	Membership Dues	18,870	19,500	1,300	19,965	1,331	15.00	Life Members	318
8	Applications Submitted	7,200	8,025	107	8,025	107	75.00	Plan New Members	90
9	Supplementals Submitted	1,275	2,010	27	2,025	27	75.00	Plan New Life Members	6
10	Forms and other charges	270	260	130	268	134	2.00	Plan Drops	40
11	Total General Society Charges	27,615	29,795		30,283			Members Paying Dues	967
12	Historian Expenses							Plan Supplemental Apps	25
16	Total Historian Edxpense	3,167	3,152	132	3,216	134	24.00	Plan Junior Applications	75
17	Junior Membership Expenses	534	206	21	300	20	15.00		
18	Membership Renewal Expense								
19	Dues Notices	581	1,066		1,378	2,418	0.57	Use Envelopes	
25	Total On-Line Dues Payment Offering	281	380		300	1	300.00	Web Site	
26	Total Membership Renewal Expense	862	1,446		1,678				
27	Membership Support	60	30	1	150	5	30.00		
28	Newsletter Expense	2,674	2,643	3	3,000	3	1,000.00		
29	Year Book Expenses	7,039	413	92	7,986	1,331	6.00		
30	Total Membership Expenses	41,951	37,684		46,613			65%	
31									
32	Operational Expenses								
33	Annual Mtg Expense	2,496	2,500		3,000	1	3,000.00		
34	Bank Charges	82	30		0	0	0.55		
35	General Society Contributions	1,000	1,620		1,620	1	1,620.00		
36	Income Tax Preparation	35	275		1,500	1	1,500.00		
37	Liability Insurance	744	744		800	1	744.00		

38	New Colony Start Up Costs	0	0	0	0	500.00			
39	Officer's / Committee Expense								
40	Awards Committee		250	250	1	250.00	Brick		
41	Colony/Society Officers Meeting		298	500					
42	Corresponding Secretary	43	230	50	1	250.00			
43	Governor	563	0	500	1	500.00	Travel		
44	Other Officers	240	0	200	1	200.00			
45	Public Relations Committee	220	250	250	1	250.00	Web Sites		
46	Digital Records Project	40	0	100	1	100.00			
47	Treasurer	465	496	500	1	500.00			
48	Total Officer/Committee Expense	1,571	1,524	2,350					
49	Storage Space Rental			0	0	50.00			
50	Other Expenses	0	0		1				
51	Total Operational Expenses	5,928	6,693	9,270				13%	
52									
53	Scholarship and Education Expenses								
54	Education - Colonies	3,129	3,810	4,000	8	500.00			
55	Education - Silver Books	2,147	1,826	7,380	164	45.00	Library Books		
56	Scholarships	3,000	4,000	4,000	1	4,000.00	Libraries Supplied	14	
57	Total Scholarship and Education Expenses	8,276	9,636	15,380			Planned new Boo	4	
58	Total Expenditures	56,155	54,070	71,763			Books Exist Lib	56	
59							Books in Series	54	
60	Net Gain or (Loss)	7,441	7,737	2			New Libraries	2	
61	Transfer to Mayflower Fund						Books New Lib	108	
62	Transfer to Life Member Fund	7,441	7,737				Total Books	164	
								21%	

Governor Denham asked for discussion. The motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented was approved.

Mike Nichols presented the list of appointed officers and Committee Chairs for the next term.

Position	Name	Colony
Governor	Mike Nichols	Central Texas
Deputy Governor	Dwight Benson	Central Texas
Recording Secretary	Judie Allen	Corpus Christi
Corresponding Secretary	Michael Byrne	San Antonio
Treasurer	Charles Prince	Houston
Co-Historian	Betty Gosdin	
Co-Historian	Elizabeth Heise	Corpus Christi
Co-Historian	Lori King	Houston
Co-Historian	Kimberly Florsheim	
Assistant Historian	Kelley Lindsey	Tyler
Elder	Bart Henson	Houston
Captain	John McWilliams	DFW
Counselor	Lisa Pennington	Houston
Surgeon		
Parliamentarian	Hallie Garner	DFW
Audit	Bart Henson	Houston
Awards	Jacque Perabo	Corpus Christi
Bylaws	Pat Nichols	Central Texas
Digital Archivist	Linda Hill	DFW
Education	Carol Burnaman	DFW
Endowment	Jim Walker	Tyler
Finance	Charles Prince	Houston

Juniors	Peggy Marsh	Houston
Library	Betty Prince	Central Texas
Newsletter/Publications	Sandra Sauers	Houston
Nominations	Prarie Counce	DFW
Public Relations	Nancy Gilbert	DFW
Scholarship	Jean de Schweinitz	DFW
Webmaster		
2020	Leah Davis	Houston
2020 Fund raising	Jim Walker	Tyler

Nichols made a motion to approve the 2017 – 2019 Officers and Committee Chairs as presented. The motion was approved.

Governor Denham adjourned the meeting at 5:45.