

Poindexter Descendants Association

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Poindexter Descendants Association 16th Reunion and General Membership Business Meeting July, 1997 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The Business Meeting of the General Membership was called to order by Cyril, as 1st VP for Pauline Dunn, President. Bill Jones, PDA Chaplain, led opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Executive Committee attending: Cyril Poindexter, Ed Hightower, Ralph Poindexter, Cynthia Story and Jamie Poindexter. Also present: members of the Association attending the Reunion.

Cyril solicited approval of the minutes as published for the 1996 meeting. There was one correction made to some of the figures on the treasurer's report. The total of the balance should have been \$8512.12 instead of \$8516.38. The motion carried.

Ralph Poindexter gave the Treasurer's report for 1996-97.

- For the Association, beginning balance for the fiscal year was \$8,512.12. Income: dues \$2,277.50; cookbooks that Pauline sold and donated to the organization \$43; and the reunion \$127; interest on accounts \$96.78; total income \$2,544.28. Expenses: newsletter \$1,229.37; membership directory \$1,22.64; Reunion 1996 \$2,25.83 (expenses incurred in the latter part of the reunion); Reunion 1997 deposits \$366.03; total expense: \$1,943.87. Balance on July 12, 1997: \$9,112.53.
- For the Early Poindexter's in America Committee fund, balance in 1996 was \$1,911.99; no expenses were incurred during the fiscal year, so the balance remains \$1,911.99.
- Grand total in the bank on July 12, 1997: \$11,024.52

The report was accepted by ayes.

Bill Jones gave the audit committee report. The major income for the PDA is derived from the membership dues. Upon the receipt of the dues, the membership secretary forwards the money to the treasurer. The treasurer records the dues by name and account and amount. Lesser income comes in from interest on the account and other ongoing projects. In our audit, we examined all the income and expenses individually, matching them with bank statements and the check number. We found the records of the PDA are very neatly kept and by our examination we are convinced that they are accurate. The report was accepted by ayes.

Edwin Hightower gave the membership report. The PDA has 134 members who are paid current. We have 60 members who have not renewed and are only paid through 1996. We have 56 members who have paid multiple years that go beyond 1997 (17 through 98, 25 through 99, and 14 into 2000 and beyond. Note, since the beginning of the PDA, we have had 466 individuals join the PDA. A good number of those have not kept current over the years or are deceased. The report was accepted by ayes.

Mr. Edwin Poindexter gave the Early Poindexters' in America Committee report.

- The committee was created 12 years ago to fill in weak links in the early Poindexters' in this region. Our goal is to make the best possible analysis of available data and use it as a standard ideology. So one's obliged to accept it as personal thinking.
- A challenge faced by EPARC in analyzing data submitted by members or found in member's publications, is the lack of sources of information, like birth certificates and wills or an explanation of their reasoning on how they decided on certain things. We're going to be sure to put down all the sources we have available and explain our thinking on it and make it available to future generations so they don't have to stumble over doing it a second time.
- The time period EPARC is researching starts with immigrant George Poindexter, proceeding down to about here (referring to a chart) around 1750, presently the biggest focus is this line here.
- However the most serious problem is still this one Thomas the first who appears to have been a child of George. We have a lot of indirect evidence but not one single piece of direct evidence to connect him to George. A vast amount of our research goes into finding that single piece of direct evidence.
- The second problem area is the second Thomas. There's a great number of PDA members and Poindexters' generally that go right down this line here, so these are the two critical missing links.
- We need members of the association volunteer to help, especially those who can afford to go somewhere and look in a library.
- Ron Poindexter tracks member's inquiries after 1750 and Doris Lucas maintains our computerized records. And we have a committee which is seeking volunteers who are willing to think about things and argue about things and analyze the data as we write it up.
- We publish all our data in the newsletter so people can discuss it or argue the accuracy.
- The recent activities in the past couple of year because I wasn't here last year, is searching Jersey Parishes for Poindexters'. We've completed a survey of Guernsey parishes and civil records.
- We have concluded for the moment the early Virginia research we had underway.

The report was accepted by ayes.

Ernie Knapp gave the Editor's report. He first introduced his co-editor and daughter, Lucy Knapp and thanked her for her contributions and assistance. He then stated he would like to have the newsletter as sort of a sounding board for this organization with members submitting discussion about the association or about research. He is working on obtaining a bulk mail permit for sending the newsletter. An appeal to forward your new area codes to both Ernie and to the membership chair was made by Cyril, as well as address changes. The report was accepted by ayes.

Robin Daviet gave the Nominating Committee report on behalf of Ron Poindexter. The committee presented to the membership the following nominees: Ed Hightower, membership secretary; Bonnie Heath, second vice president; Doris Ann Lucas, president. Cyril then asked for nominations from the floor, none were made, he then declared nominations closed. Nominees were then elected by acclamation.

Jamie Poindexter gave a report on the developing web site with additional input from others. She passed some printed copies of the web site to the attendees. Highlights included information about this reunion including a registration form people could print, complete and mail to Cindy. There are also links to the Eisenhower various Gettysburg area web sites. The site also has PDA contact information and pictures of Criss-Cross. The web site has had over 400 visits the past year and is currently hosted on a free service provider with limited room for data. She then proposed to budget for a larger web site that could store more information, including the entire PDA Roots database plus family photos. Doris added that the Executive Committee received an offer from new member Jane Goforth to donate funds to help support the web site. She also reported that the PDA has about five new members due to the web site. Also, the PDA wants to obtain its own web address, for example poindexter.org. The report was accepted by ayes.

Dan Story reported that no progress has been made with the Bruce Anderson floppy disks. Also, if you are researching in the Virginia Room in Roanoke, you have to ask for Bruce Anderson papers, not Poindexter.

Dan Story gave the Bylaws Committee report for Colby Poindexter. The Executive Committee proposed to the membership last year certain amendments. Proposed changes:

- Add Article 4.e to provide guidelines should the PDA need to be dissolved. There was much discussion to fine tune the proposed amendment. It was agreed that those changes would be published as changes to the Bylaws in upcoming newsletters to be voted on at the next Membership meeting. The proposed amendment as published this past year in the newsletter was then passed. It reads: "The executive committee shall consider and approve or disapprove the dissolution of the PDA on grounds that income from membership dues and other sources do not support the operational costs of the association. Upon decision to dissolve all outstanding loans shall be first paid from the treasury including returning prorated, multiple year membership dues. Any and all remaining funds shall be donated to the Poindexter depository collection at the Virginia Historical Society for the continued support of the Poindexter collection."
- Change to Article 5, section 2, paragraph b to clarify the status of adopted children of Poindexter parents. Suggested change to the bylaws as published would add : "adopted individual" to the end of the statement describing who qualifies as an associate member. The Executive Committee reviewed the amendment as published and now modified the amendment to encompass this concepts: "A member is any person who believes him/herself to be a descendent of the Poindexter family, including spouse or adopted individuals, or who embraces the purposes of the association as set forth in its bylaws and whose application and required dues have been received and approved by the membership secretary" and "An associate member is any individual who is interested in or researching Poindexter lineage that embraces the purpose of the association set forth in its bylaws and whose application and required dues have been received and approved by the membership secretary". The Committee left out all the stuff about Poindexter lineage charts because it wouldn't apply. So we're just changing it to encompass more people and allow more people working in the association itself. Much discussion followed and the proposed amendment was sent back to the Bylaws Committee.

Nancy Gellner reported she has some pieces of Poindexter glassware on display and order forms for others. If you have any ideas for fund raisers or things that might help the association, let her know.

Robin Daviet gave a report on next year's reunion plans. She and her travel agency have put together a six day tour of the Isle of Jersey, the birthplace of the Poingdestre surname. She passed out flyers detailing the events planned (also now posted on the web site). There were many questions from the members and all were excited. For details, call Robin at 1-800-395-TRAV.

A round of applause was given to Nancy Gellner for her efforts in planning and coordinating the 1997 Reunion in Gettysburg. Nancy followed with a review of the scheduled tours, dinner and photo session. She concluded by thanking all those who advised and consoled her this past year. Volunteers were sought to host the 1999 reunion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Jamie Diana Poindexter, PDA Recording Secretary