



Minutes of DELANO Kindred Annual

Business Meeting broadcast by ZOOM

Saturday afternoon 26Sep2020

The proposed preliminary agenda for the meeting was distributed by President George (Terry) DELANO by mail (3 page annual meeting mailing by USPS) and by email (annual meeting documents, and also officer and committee reports, sent to all members with an email address on record).

The proposed agenda was as follows:

- Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- How to use ZOOM: un-muting and voting via polling
- Introduction of Officers and Board Members
- Determination of a Quorum via ZOOM's Polling feature
- Approval of the Agenda
- Remembering Vice President Bill Delano and member Frank Banks
- Vote to Elect Matt Delano as Bill's replacement
- Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports
- Committee Reports
- Charitable Drawing
- Other business: Request help for George B.'s duties, DNA, Website, Gravestone projects
- Proposed Budget Overview & details
- 2021 Annual Meeting Discussion (Tom Delano)
- Questions, Answers, Ideas
- Election of Board of Directors
- Nominating Committee slate presentation
- Nominations from the Floor?
- Voting
- Thank outgoing Board and Nominating Committee members
- Adjourn

At 12:02 pm, President George (Terry) DELANO began speaking to those who had signed on to ZOOM and he called the meeting to order. Terry introduced Tom Delano who served as the ZOOM host and explained that the Kindred can have a meeting, including motions, voting, and polling. Terry explained

that there will not be a lot in terms of presentations, that all participants are muted and can push the space bar on their laptops to speak. There is also the “chat” option for typed comments.

(A list of members participating is available separately. At 12:05 pm, there were 35 participants signed in to ZOOM for the meeting. At 1:00 pm, there were 34 participants present. At 1:00 pm ET, and 10 am west coast time, Carolyn and Gene Marcinkowski signed in after some signing on/connectivity issues. (George B. DELANO had explained that he had to sign off at about 12:45 pm to help with a matter at home.) At 1:45 pm, there were 33 participants present.) Muriel Cushing and Diane Coleman signed off several minutes before 2pm to attend the Mayflower Society virtual meeting.)

Terry introduced officers and members of the Board of Directors who were present by ZOOM. These included Matthew DELANO, Margaret DELANO, David Grinnell, Reynolds (Ren) Cushing, Jackie DELANO, Frederic (Fred) Grant, Terri Sorenson, and Becket Soule. (Because of the time difference, we expected Carolyn and Eugene (Gene) Marcinkowski to sign in momentarily.)

Terry explained that Ren Cushing is retiring from activities in the Kindred; Ren has been involved in the Kindred from the beginning.

Tom posted a poll asking each present which child of Philippe that he/she is descended from. He expected that a few might be unsure. Lt. Jonathan led the responses.

Terry asked if a quorum was present and this was confirmed.

Terry asked in there were any questions about the agenda before we proceeded with the meeting. There was no question. Paula DELANO made a motion to accept the agenda, Dianne Coleman seconded, and, using a ZOOM poll, 100% of those present approved.

Terry acknowledged the losses of Kindred members over the past year: William (Bill) DELANO, former Vice President (husband of Donna DELANO (Nominating Committee), brother of Mary DELANO (auditor and member of the Nominating Committee) and Michael DELANO (Merchandising Chair), father of Matthew DELANO (who filled the position of Vice President) and father-in-law of Jackie DELANO (Membership Chair and Board member)), and, Frank Banks (husband of Roberta Banks and son-in-law of Andrea Morin).

Jonathan DELANO made the motion and David Dillinger seconded. Tom DELANO posted the request to vote on ZOOM and 100% were in favor.

Terry explained that we need to progress through review and approval of several report documents. Terry had emailed these reports to all members for whom we have an email address.

- He asked if there were any questions or corrections to the secretary’s report- the 2019 meeting minutes. There was no question or correction. Diana Coleman made the motion to approve, and Betsy Johnson seconded. 100 % of members present voted to approve by ZOOM poll.
- Terry asked for questions about the Auditor’s Report and the Treasurer’s Report. Regarding the Treasurer’s Report, Terry reminded everyone that the report was compiled at the end of

May2020. Paula DELANO (Finance Committee Chair) was available to field questions because of a difficult internet connection with David Grinnell. There was no question. Betsy Johnson made the motion to accept and Muriel Cushing seconded, and 100% of members present voted by ZOOM poll to approve.

After discussions about the Committee Reports (see below), William English made the motion to approve all. Katharine Patton seconded the motion, and 100% of those present were in favor by ZOOM poll.

Details of discussions of these reports are as follows:

- There was no question or discussion about the Finance Committee Report.
- There was no question about the Internet/Website Committee Report.
- Discussion associated with the Membership Committee Report focused on building membership. Jonathan (Jon) DELANO asked why some members are not renewing. An informal survey, by Terry, of 24 individuals, who did not renew, revealed that individuals "forgot" or felt that they were "too old" to continue as members. Jon noted that there is so much "stuff" in the USPS mail that sometimes it is easy to miss or overlook mail renewals. Jon asked if it is possible to contact each renewing member individually. Jackie DELANO, Membership Chair, explained that she has been directly contacting members for renewals. She also noted that, until recently, there has been a lack of "tech" associated with renewing so the upgrades to the website should make it easy to renew online including the use of a "button" for PayPal. Some members will continue to renew by check. Fred Grant agreed with the problem of volumes of mail and busy lives for some, and stated that it is easy to "lose track" of renewals, and the persistence and "nudges" are important with renewing members. Katharine Patton spoke from experience, for the convenience of auto-renewals using PayPal, for her museum memberships and her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- William English (connecting from Kent, England and based on an estate dating back to the 13th century) asked about the numbers of European memberships, and the value of making connections which can also serve as a type of marketing tool for the organization. Jon Delano advocated for using ZOOM for social opportunities (he has a ZOOM account with no limit on time and other parameters). Fred Grant also supported the idea of organizing get-togethers, especially by ZOOM at this time, and noted that the pandemic has markedly increased the use of ZOOM, 12-20 individuals can be on some calls, it is easy to become ZOOM-competent, and the application offers the opportunity for sharing and discussing ideas. William English also noted that the 400th observance may present some good opportunities for connecting locally.

- Michael DELANO, Merchandising Chair, explained that the online Kindred store utilizes PayPal, and Michael is the one who ships the items. Currently, in addition to the remaining inventory of books, there are T-shirts, notebooks, pens, and coins. Terry and he noted that the decision to discontinue to stock reference books (once the current inventory held by the Kindred is sold out) was made awhile ago; these references are available from other internet source sites. This approach controls costs and prevents having a lot of inventory. Katharine Patton asked about the possibility of having DELANO Kindred facemasks; this will be explored.
- The Social Media chair, Kathleen Lyons, noted that a link is planned from the DELANO Kindred website to the DELANO Kindred Facebook page. It was noted that all kinds of photos and posts, including about headstones, are on the Facebook site. Jon DELANO asked about a Kindred Twitter account; he referred to a Twitter account as “cheap, easy” and indicated that he could help with this. Jon was encouraged to connect with Kathleen. There was also a question about the use of Instagram.
- Although George B. DELANO had to sign off (to help with a matter at home) from the meeting before the European Research Program (ERP), the Education Committee Report, and the Newsletter Report were discussed, Terry filled in and explained that there is no active plan at this time for the ERP. Terry asked if there is anyone interested in helping with the Education programs. (Read further about this matter.) Diane Coleman asked about the newsletter and its availability online. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of online vs. print newsletters; Jon DELANO noted that the print may help with “marketing” efforts. For Education programs, there is currently the goal of having periodic information sessions posted on the website. William English noted that all these efforts connect the Kindred members all over the world. George Clark commented in his own family research that he has been able to get back to 1070. William English and Terry DELANO reiterated that the 1899 The Genealogy History and Alliances of the American House of Delano 1621 to 1899 (referred to as the GHAHD) has lots of proven inaccuracies. William English is the cousin of historian and lecturer George English, and George is one of those who has verified and published about the inaccuracies of the GHAHD.

Board member Terri Sorensen coordinates the Annual Charitable Drawing. She noted that there was one nomination, submitted by Terry DELANO, for the FDR Presidential Library. Terry DELANO explained that this is a “thank you” for how much the staff did for our reunion in Hyde Park in 2019. He noted that this is specifically for the FDR Presidential Library and not the Roosevelt Institute. Terry asked if there were any other ideas or nominations. There was none. Tom DELANO conducted the poll and 100% responded in favor of the donation to the FDR Presidential Library.

Terry DELANO made his annual plea for volunteers to help with the programs and efforts of the Kindred. Priorities are the Newsletter and Education; European Research is a lower priority at this time. He explained that education article topics and speaker ideas are needed and especially if the Kindred will present speakers by ZOOM. It was noted that the Kindred may need funding for speakers (therefore there may be requests for support from members).

- Jon DELANO offered to help with Education sessions and William English offered to help Jon. William will serve as a liaison with George English.
- Nicholas (Nick) Neagle volunteered to help with the Newsletter.
- Terri Sorensen volunteered to help with European and DNA research and stated that she wants to help and learn from George B DELANO.

This led to a discussion about DNA and inherited genetic components and some possible directions of future research. Attention has been focused on the Y chromosome marker “DYS492=11” as it is unusual and is shared by all male descendants of Philippe who have been tested to date. Delano Kindred member Jeff DeLanoy shares that same marker, and can trace his ancestry back to the same area in which Philippe’s grandfather lived, but he is not descended from Philippe. Sadly, his “paper trail” evaporates at the same time as Philippe’s.

Muriel Cushing noted that there was a father-son pair (Nathan and Richard, respectively) during the mid-1850’s whose DNA does not match other recognized Delano DNA.

Becket Soule offered to dig into Family Tree DNA resources to seek more information about Philippe’s grandfather and other predecessors and descendants within the overall line, and seek information on any paper trail. There is interest in distinguishing unique DNA markers of the Y chromosome. Muriel notes that she has paper trails but these are not needed for DNA investigations. Terry noted that the DNA marker(s) provide “proof” of inherited link(s) to Philippe and his male family members and provide “pointers” for further research.

The current focus of the Gravestone Project is the marker for Benoni DELANO, in Duxbury’s Old Burying Grounds, adjacent to the Myles Standish monument; this marker needs restoration due to cracking and other damage. Permission is needed from Duxbury Cemetery Commission in order for the restoration to proceed, and the group does have a recommendation. Mary DELANO asked if it is also a matter of funds; the answer is that we have the funds, so it is only a matter of getting permission. Tom DELANO, a resident of Duxbury, will proceed to seek permission and Fred Grant will assist. Terry asked Tom about additional markers of DELANO ancestors, at sites other than the Duxbury Old Burying Grounds, that need restoration; this list is a work in progress. Fred has extensive experience with markers as the result of his long involvement as a board member at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven MA.

Jon DELANO asked if it known what is and where is the oldest existing DELANO cemetery stone. Muriel Cushing stated that this is in Acushnet, at the head of the Acushnet River, and is the grave of Lt. Jonathan DELANO.

Bernard Connelly noted that he has been researching DELANO plots in Maine, such as in Fairfield. Lynn Phillips is also familiar with DELANO plots in Maine including plot at a Quaker Church.

There was also mention of the possibility of using a ZOOM session to focus on DELANO burial plots, headstone and related topics.

Discussion next focused on the DELANO Kindred website. Terry serves as the current “webmaster” and Michael and Jackie have access due to their areas of responsibility, merchandise and membership, respectively. Nick Neagle offered to help with the website. Terry demonstrated logging on and all the options for reading and seeking information.

Tom DELANO and Terry explained that they are seeking permission, from the Duxbury 2020 Commission, to post on the Kindred website the chapter, authored by Muriel Cushing and George B. DELANO, in the recently published Duxbury2020 book. This book is available on line at the Duxbury 2020 website.

The presentations then moved on to the budget. Terry explained that restoration of the Samuel DELANO ship’s log has been completed and it is now available to view at the Duxbury MA Rural and Historical Society. The DELANO Kindred makes an annual gift of \$500 to the Plimoth Plantation living history museum. The Kindred has saved some money, usually spent on the annual meeting/reunion, due to the pandemic. Paula DELANO, Finance Committee chair noted that there are funds allotted to the gravestone project. The overall current deficit is about \$1000 so any further spending will contribute an increased deficit. Donations are placed into the reserves; any donation has to be voted into the budget. Fred Grant noted that “a donation received for a purpose is a liability” since the organization must serve as a custodian for this; the designated donation is given for a specific purpose and not part of the budget at the time. And David Grinnell as Treasurer must keep track of all money, including the source and how money is used and how it must be reported (to the IRS).

The Gravestone Project served as an example. Gravestone restoration currently runs about \$2000-3000; when a few in the same place are done, this can be \$3000-7000. New grave markers are about \$3000. Terry noted that the overall expense must include travel expenses which can be as much as \$1000. In the current Kindred budget, the \$1000 for gravestone restoration is a “placeholder.” In order to increase this, the BoD must make further adjustment. Funds from the general donation fund and the memorial fund can be used to augment. The status of the Kindred as an IRS-registered 501c3 charitable organization was reinforced. It was noted that the Gravestone Project is also a logical fit with the stated mission of the organization in terms of education and memorial information and preservation.

Terry also noted that 2021 is a significant year for Philippe’s descendants and it is important that the restoration of Benoni’s marker-be completed in 2020, if possible. He stated that the Kindred needs to “do it right or not do it at all.” In addition, completion will strengthen the Kindred credibility with the Duxbury Cemetery Commission and other entities. There was a motion by Terry, and seconded by Jon DELANO, to increase the allotted funds to \$3000 and to authorize the BoD to increase that amount if necessary to complete the restoration. Terry noted that members can augment the amount. The motion was passed by voice vote without a poll, and was followed by a motion made by Betsy Johnson

and seconded by Katharine Patton to accept the budget as amended. Tom DELANO ran the poll and 96% of those present were in favor and 4% were against.

Terry DELANO returned to the meeting agenda at this time. Tom DELANO, Reunion Chair, explained that the Kindred 2021 annual meeting will be based in Duxbury during the third weekend of September (25Sep2021). This will be right after the 2021 Plimoth-based Mayflower Society General Congress. Tom explained that he is looking for help from fellow members with all aspects of planning: speakers/program, venue/site and site logistics, catering, and mailing/emailing. A suggestion was made about a "pre-meeting" on 23Sep and 24Sep2021 to see other historic sites in the area. A poll by Tom indicated at 92% of those present were interested and 8% were not interested. Jackie will be sending advance reminders with renewals, and Terry indicated that reminders can be incorporated into the auto-renewal capability.

The meeting then moved to the Question-and-Answer/Idea segment. William English asked about considering some sort of meeting in England (near his property?), and mentioned that Canterbury is nearby.

The election of the BoD was next on the agenda. Jon DELANO made a motion to accept the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee, Paula DELANO seconded, and 100% of those present voted in favor.

Terry explained that he is appointing Kaitlin DELANO (daughter of Michael DELANO) to the Nominating Committee for a three year term.

Terry explained that there may be a delay in the mailing of the next Newsletter.

Terry thanked Ren Cushing for his service for many years on the Board and to the organization, and thanked Mary DELANO as she finished her service on the Nominating Committee.

As the meeting finished up, there were a few brief conversations and stories: about having a social ZOOM session later this fall (Jon DELANO, supported by Fred Grant); about differences in the pronunciation of DELANO in different parts of the U.S. and over the years (Katharine, Mary (while staying at the DELANO hotel in Miami FL) and others), a US flag gifted to William English (who is a retired colonel and awarded "CBE" ("Commander of the British Empire) cross from the Queen of England).

At about 2:20 pm, Paula DELANO made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Betsy Johnson, and those present voted in favor.

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Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Delano

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