

## BOA 1

THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING was held March 28, 2014 at the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL in ARLINGTON, TEXAS. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:08 by Gov. Carol Scarborough. The minutes of the March 2013 meeting were asked for. Secretary Linda Hill reported that the minutes had been sent to the appointed Committee of three and had been approved. Governor Scarborough appointed Leah Davis, Prarie Counce and Rick Denham to be readers for the 2014 BOA meetings and the 2014 Annual Meeting.

### Officer Reports

**Finance Committee Chair Mike Nichols** reported that the members of the committee, which consisted of the Endowment Committee Chair, the Audit Committee Chair and the Treasurer, had met and had nothing of significance to report at this time.

Gov. Scarborough requested that the Board allow Mary Eck to attend the board meeting as a guest. Mary is the chair of the Scholarship Committee and the Meeting Liaison. Gov. Scarborough felt these reports needed to be read. Michael Byrne, Governor of the San Antonio Colony stated that Suzanne Scott, the BOA member from the SA colony, was unable to attend this BOA meeting and the colony had appointed Mary Eck to take her place. Following a vote, Mary Eck was asked to join the meeting to give her report.

**Scholarship Committee Chair Mary Eck** read the proposed recommendations which will be presented to the members for vote at the annual meeting.

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7. We recommend that the recipient and parents be invited as guests to attend the Annual Meeting banquet.

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9. We, the Scholarship Committee, recommend that this committee functions as other committees as to material and administrative decisions, duties, and changes as they are needed

The committee realized from the beginning that the current carefully laid out plan for the scholarship was on trial this first year to see how it worked out. We feel our recommendations will improve the plan for the future.

Both young women who applied for the scholarship were almost identical in grades and school activities. The choice was made on the written essay.

**Bylaws committee Chair Mike Nichols** read the proposed By-Law change that had been published in the June, 2014 newsletter and which will be presented to the members for vote at the annual meeting. Report attached.

1. Amend Article III: Membership, Section 2. Classifications to remove the requirement for the signatures of two members of the Society on the Preliminary Application Form

Reasons:

1. The General Society has removed the requirement for two (2) vouching signatures. This will bring us in compliance with the Bylaws of the General Society.

Current wording:

**A. Regular membership 1.** A Preliminary Application acquired from the Co-Historian and signed by the applicant and two members of the Society, who shall vouch for the applicant, shall be returned to the Co-Historian with the sum of One Hundred Forty-five dollars (\$145.00).

Proposed wording:

**A. Regular membership 1.** A Preliminary Application acquired from the Co-Historian and signed by the applicant shall be returned to the Co-Historian with the sum of One Hundred Forty-five dollars (\$145.00).

**Library Committee Chair, Judy Allen** gave the highlights of her report. She noted that as our bylaws presently read, there are 12 designated Libraries that the society sends the Silver books to. As all of these 12 had been updated with the most recently published books, she did not spend all of the money in the library budget, but there were still large portions of our state that do not have Silver books in their libraries and could not be sent any because they were not on the list. There was considerable discussion on topic about how to best service these other areas of the state. Judie noted that most Libraries do not get the MQ, and perhaps this was something the individual colonies would like to take care of in their areas. Report attached.

**Bart Henson, DGG**, gave the highlights from his report on the General Society BOA meeting that was held in New Orleans in September 2013. He did note that all state societies are urged to have a 2020 committee and a 2020 contact person. Report Attached. He also noted that per our bylaws, we needed to elect a new DGG and AG.

**Meeting Liaison Mary Eck** thanked Laurie Behn and Prairie Counce of the Dallas Colony for the fine job they had done in organizing the meeting and that it had been a pleasure working with them.

**State Treasurer, Mike Nichols**, presented the proposed new budget for our upcoming year and explained how the numbers had been arrived at. Adjustments to the proposed budget can be made before it is voted on at the BOA meeting following the Annual Meeting. Of special note is that the large screen and tables being used for the projector were purchased by the society so that it would no longer be necessary to rent these items for our meetings. This was the reason for the increase of \$350 for this year's State Meeting budget.

**Bart Henson, DGG**, noted that the General Society is proposing an increase to the membership fee that the states pay to the General Society. The proposed increase will take the fee from \$11 to \$20 per member and will be implemented over a 5 year period. We may need to adjust our fees accordingly.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**, March 30, 2014, Dallas, Texas

A quorum being present, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants was called to order at 9:05 by State Governor Carol Scarborough. State Captain Michael Byrne led the group in Pledges to the USA flag, the Texas flag and the Mayflower flag. Lisa Pennington, State Elder, gave the invocation and Michael Byrne read a Patriotic poem entitled "Mayflower."

Governor Scarborough welcomed the members and guests and asked if there were any new members in attendance. Mike Edwards, new member of the state society and the DFW colony, introduced himself and was welcomed by the group.

**The Credentials Report** was given by Dallas Colony Treasurer, Linda Hill. The total number of persons registered for the weekend was 67, consisting of 44 members and 23 guests. The breakdown of members by Colony was as follows: West Texas 2, Waco 4, Tyler 3, San Antonio 5, Houston 6, DFW 17, Corpus Christi 1, Central Texas 4, and Members at Large 2. Report attached.

Governor Scarborough asked for adoption of the standing rules and the program. Both were adopted by general consent.

#### **STATE OFFICER REPORTS**

**Governor** Carol Scarborough: report deferred until later in the meeting.

**Deputy Governor** Ann Harder: absent, no report.

**Recording Secretary** Linda Hill: report read and attached

**Corresponding Secretary** Prarie Counce: report read and attached

**Treasurer's Report.** Mike Nichols gave a quick breakdown of the total amounts in all the funds. He gave the highlights of his report, noting that the financial condition of the Society is excellent and that there is now an approved vendor list. Report attached.

**Co-Historian**, Laurie Behn was asked to stand and be recognized. Report read and attached.

**Co-Historian** Peggy Durack: Report attached and not read.

**Elder** Lisa Pennington noted that we have 18 members that passed away and will be honored at the memorial service later. She thanked Peggy Durack for "finding" members who had passed in previous years and will be remembered at this time. Report attached

**Captain** Michael Byrne: Report read and attached.

**Surgeon** Waid Rogers: absent, no report

**Counselor** William DeWitt Alsup: absent, no report.

#### **APPOINTED OFFICER REPORT**

**Parliamentarian** Jane Power: present, no report

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Chair** Mike Nichols: present, report read and attached

**Education Chairman** Sherry Kroboth explained the structure of the committee. Each colony has its own education committee and their job is to report to her and her job is to report on what everyone has done. Her report is attached

**Bylaws Committee Chairman** Mike Nichols read the proposed bylaws change and moved that this change be adopted. Motion passed. Report attached. The following bylaw, as amended now reads:

Amend Article III: Membership, Section 2. Classifications

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**Awards Committee Chair** Nancy Parker: absent, report read by Secretary Linda Hill, report attached

**Publications Chair** William Marrs: absent, report attached

**Public Relations Chair** Rick Denham: present, no report

**Audit Committee Chair** Charles Prince: absent, report read by Dwight Benson

**Summary:** On March 8, 2014, the Audit Committee reviewed the financial books, records, statements and supporting documents for the Mayflower Society in the State of Texas at the Georgetown home of Mike Nichols, Treasurer. All statements and accounts were orderly and showed careful attention had been given to the accounting during the fiscal year running from March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. The audit committee found no discrepancies in the accounts and hereby provides an unqualified audit approval of the records and statements. A few recommendations were made to 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 line item and accounts were also provided and studied. The Treasurer also supplied the most recent account statements from Bank of America 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. Half of the surplus for the 2012-2013 fiscal year should be transferred to the Life Member Fund and the other half to the Mayflower Fund.

*This has been done.*

2. We should continue to examine the financial soundness of the Life Member Fund to insure its long term viability. Although we have had a nice group of new Life Members (10) during

the year and even though we have transferred about \$15,000 to the fund from Operating Fund surpluses, the future viability of the fund is assessed sound on the assumptions of a 5% return on assets and no increase in state membership dues over many years and either or both of these assumptions may not be attainable.

*The Treasurer has done a superb job of putting together a study of the Life Member Fund, with care given to multiple options including continuing on the present course, and changes resulting from proposed changes due to potential action at the National level effecting local dues.*

3. It would be helpful to the committee if the financial spreadsheets for the assets could be modified to include line items for the sources of increase and decrease during the year for the Life Member Fund and the Mayflower fund. In other words, starting with a beginning balance for the Vanguard accounts, show line items for increases such as dividends, additions to the funds, change in investment values, etc., the same detail for decreases and leading to a final balance for each of the funds. This would permit easier tracking of fund transfers as well as making it easier to analyze the investment performance of the funds.

*The Treasurer has made this transition with the records provided for the year ending February 28, 2014. They are reflected in his presentation for the State Meeting.*

4. We recommend checking with other Mayflower state societies who pay a per capita application fee to determine how they treat tax reporting of these fees.

*Although this had not been done, it is reasonable that this could be addressed at the National Meeting in Plymouth in the fall of 2014, as several of our members will be in attendance, and can network with members from across the country.*

5. The Treasurer should alert the Colony Governors and the State Education Chair in the fall that the budgeted state funds of \$500 per colony will be dispensed upon receipt of expense documentation. Hopefully this will encourage the colonies to actually do this educational outreach in their communities and seek reimbursement.

*The Treasurer indicated he felt he was a bit late with fulfilling this recommendation, but he did notify the Colonies, and with six of the eight Colonies making use of their funds, it was a reasonable successful year. The continued goal will be 100% use of these funds to help fulfill one of our primary goals as a Society.*

6. The Treasurer brought to our attention that we have significant market exposure with the current combined portfolio and also pointed out that our bond investments had not increased in value over the past year or two due to very low interest rates. Audit recommends that the Endowment Committee watch this situation to determine if portfolio adjustments are in order in light of both the very long term investment horizon for the Mayflower Fund and the Life Member Fund and the currently available investment vehicles. Further we recommend that Endowment determines if some of our investments should be

placed by or in conjunction with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants who already have significant funds under professional management.

*Continued careful watch of our funds will protect our Society for the long run. The desire to tie into the investment opportunities with the National Society proved to not be an option.*

7. We recommend the Treasurer write up information concerning our accounts (such as account numbers, on line access codes, key procedures, etc.) to be kept in a safe place and perhaps shared with a member of the Finance Committee to insure access to our accounts in case of mishap. We further recommend that the Treasurer arrange a method of periodically backing up our financial records in case of computer or other mishap.

*The Treasurer has successfully achieved this goal, which protects our State Society.*

### **Recommendations**

1. In keeping with a commitment to the highest level of security and safety, the Committee has recommended password changes be made in a timely manner, and to coincide with the change of the Committee, which will then occur every two years.
2. As we continue to strive for the highest level of transparency, the Committee recommends a simple one Form be developed, providing a report for the hosting Colony of the State Meeting to file, documenting expenses incurred. The backup receipts would continue to be maintained by the hosting Colony. This form/report will then be filed within 90 days from the close of the meeting. This should protect the state from any unwarranted scrutiny resulting in the use of funds.
3. To keep our expenses in line, it is recommended that every other year, competitive bids be sought for the expense of producing the Year Book, and the Newsletter. Realizing that cost is not always the final consideration for selecting our best Vendors, it is still in our interest to keep this as an open process.
4. The Committee is in agreement that reasonable expense be considered for the preparation of the annual 990's for the IRS, especially now that there are also eight Colony filings that are being handled by the State, as well as the actual filing for the State. While the filing has been handled for a number of years by the Treasurer, it is reasonable to determine, and include a reasonable fee in the budget based on what we could anticipate a CPA might charge. This would also protect any future Treasurer candidate who might be willing to perform regular duties of the Treasurer position, but not be comfortable with filing tax documents for the IRS.

**Dwight Benson moved that the forgoing recommendations be approved by the group. These were approved by General consent.**

**Nominating Chair** Pat Nichols: absent, no report

**Juniors Chair** Madeline Alworth: absent, report attached

**Endowment Chair** Bart Henson: absent, report read by Mike Nichols. The report had the following recommendations for the BOA to approve at the next meeting. He also noted that the Life Member

Fund is getting a 3% return and 6% is really needed. The Committee is proposing an increase for a life membership from 25 to 30 times yearly dues to be voted on at next year's meeting

The Endowment Committee met on March 8 at the home of the Treasurer Mike Nichols who had prepared excellent records for our consideration. Your Endowment Committee consists of:

- Bart Henson (2017), Chair
- Charles Prince (2015), Member
- Mike Nichols, Treasurer

Our investments had a nice growth during the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year of 21.7%. (5.9% p.a. since 2007) After review of the data and situation, we made the recommendations shown below. Following the recommendations you will find some tables and graphs to illustrate our investment position and history.

**Endowment Committee Recommendations to the Board of Assistants:**

1. Move \$10,000 from the Operating Fund where it is not needed to the Life Member Fund, investing that into the Vanguard REIT Index Fund. This will help build the Life Member Fund with an earnings producing asset that has served us well over the past 5+ years.
2. Although the Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund has not recently been stellar in performance, it should be held for now to retain some equity component in the Life Member Fund. It is probably a more fairly valued index than the VG Total Stock Market Index (all U.S.) due to the dramatic growth in U.S. stock prices over the last several years.
3. Sell the VG Short Term Bond Index fund currently in the Mayflower Fund and invest the proceeds in the VG REIT Index fund.
4. Since the U.S. stock market seems richly valued, we recommend selling \$80,000 (almost 30%) of our VG Total Stock Market Index Fund, reinvesting \$40,000 into VG Intermediate Term Bond Index Fund and \$40,000 into Vanguard Long Term Bond Index Fund. This will rebalance us toward dividend producing assets and remove some of the portfolio risk.
5. Based on the Treasurer's excellent actuarial analysis of the Life Member fund and faced with continuation of the period of low earnings returns as well as the likely increased dues to be paid to the General Society in future years (which would drain our LM fund more quickly), we recommend that we: a. Increase the multiple for life memberships (now 25 times current dues) to 30 times current dues when the bylaws can be amended.  
b. Annually sweep any excess proceeds from the annual operations (when we spend less than we receive) into the Life Member Fund until further notice.

Investment Portfolio posture before and after these changes is as follows:

Before Changes/After Changes

Cash/ Equivalents: 5.1%/ 5.1%

Bonds/Fixed Income: 21.1%/ 40.3%

Equities: 73.8%/ 54.6%

Total: 100% /100%

**Library Chair** Judie Allen: report read and attached

**Scholarship Committee Chair** Mary Eck announced that the first new state scholarship winner was Kayla Bush from Waco, Texas. She then read the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee



and moved for the adoption of these recommendations. It was agreed by general consent that these recommendations would be voted on individually.

**1.** The number of applicants implies that a stronger participation is needed from the Texas Colonies in order to advertise the scholarship. Announcements are printed in the Newsletter but there is a need for each colony to publicize the scholarship in their area more vigorously. **Recommendation passed.**

**2.** We recommend a change in the timeline outlined in the current plan. Information was distributed to each colony governor but we have no way of knowing what the colonies did with the information. One specific change that is needed is the due date for the application to be in the hands of the scholarship chairman. We recommend the date for submission to be January 31<sup>st</sup> rather than December 31<sup>st</sup>. After vigorous discussion, Lisa Pennington moved that the recommendation be amended to state that the “date for submission to be March 1<sup>st</sup> “. The amendment was seconded and approved. **The recommendation, as amended, passed and reads as stated below.**

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**4.** The Committee would like to take out the requirement of sending copies of schoolwork. Grades and teacher recommendations are sufficient to exhibit the work of the student. **Recommendation passed**

**5.** In the future when the finances of the state organization warrant an increase in the amount of the scholarship, we recommend raising from \$2,500 to \$3,000 which would be dispensed in two payments, \$1,500 per semester. The student would be required to send proof of enrollment the second semester as well as the first semester. **Mike Nichols moved to split this recommendation into two separate recommendations, one dealing with the amount of the scholarship, the other dealing with the distribution of the funds. Motion was seconded and passed.**

Parliamentarian Jane Power noted that the recommendation that speaks to the amount of the scholarship needs to be voted on by the BOA. The only recommendation for this body to vote on concerns how the money should be distributed.

Scholarship Chair Mary Eck moved that the Scholarship payment be split in two payments, with the recipient acknowledging they are enrolled in the second semester before the second payment is

made. After vigorous discussion, **the recommendation to dispense the scholarship into two payments did not pass.**

6. The scholarship chairman will be responsible for the contacts with the recipient and for notifying the treasurer to send the money to the finance office of the college or university when all requirements are met *“for both semesters.”* **Since Recommendation #5 did not pass, the last three words “for both semesters” were stricken and the recommendation, as amended passed.**

7. We recommend that the recipient and parents be invited as guests to attend the Annual Meeting banquet. **Recommendation passed**

8. We recommend that the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston Colony Scholarship recipients be encouraged to apply for the State scholarship. Tom Denny moved that the words “the Dallas Fort Worth and Houston Colony” be eliminated and replaced with “all Colony” since other Colonies may wish to have their own scholarships as well. Motion to amend seconded and passed. **The recommendation as amended passed and reads as stated below**

We recommend that all Colony Scholarship recipients be encouraged to apply for the State scholarship.

9. We, the Scholarship Committee, recommend that this committee function as other committees as to material and administrative decisions, duties, and changes as they are needed. After discussion, Lisa Pennington moved that the words “material and administrative decisions, duties, and changes as they are needed” be replaced with the words “non material administrative duties as needed. “ Motion seconded and approved. **The recommendation, as amended, passed and reads as follows.**

We, the Scholarship Committee, recommend that this committee function as other committees as to non material administrative duties as needed.

**Memorial Service:** Following a short break, Elder Lisa Pennington conducted a Memorial Service in which members who had passed on were remembered. Report read and filed

11:45 Governor Scarborough declared the meeting was in recess until 2:30.

12:00 -1:30 Buffet Lunch and fellowship

1:30-2:30 Education demonstrations and talks by Susan Ashbaugh, Carol Burnaman and Leah Davis for those interested

2:52 the meeting was called to order by Governor Carol Scarborough

**Annual Meeting Liaison** Mary Eck read her report and clarified items that related to the Scholarship report that was given earlier. The scholarship is to be used for Tuition and books only. The General society splits its Scholarship award into two payments.

**Archivist** Mike Nichols read his report and noted that he would like this to be his last term. He thanked Peggy Durack, co-historian, who had copied her applications and put them on a flash drive for him

**Webmaster** Charles Prince: absent, no report

**Governor** Carol Scarborough: Report read and attached

On April 6, 2013, when I became Governor of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants I set goals for myself. One of these goals was to bring new ideas to the Society through the appointment of new people to serve on the various working committees and all other appropriate committees.

Your governor has attended to the business of the Society which included the publishing of the newsletter

You governor was invited to the state meeting of the DAR to represent the state Mayflower society on their opening night. Mary Eck represented the Texas Mayflower Society due to my absence.

Mike Byrne at my request represented the Texas Society at the Battle of Medina ceremony.

Your Governor responded to the invitation to the San Antonio Colony compact day Luncheon. Your governor also received an invitation from the Central Texas Colony

Your Governor worked with the Dallas Fort Worth colony in planning this awesome state meeting. Special thanks to Prarie Counce and Laurie Behn for their tireless efforts in working with me.

Your governor looks forward to a second year unencumbered with the remodeling and selling of a home, buying and remodeling another home while dealing with health issues.

Thanks to each of you for your support and attendance of this meeting. I hope to see each of you next year.

**Old Business: NONE**

**New business:**

**Scholarship Requirement:** Carolyn McCall moved to delete the requirement for a Scholarship Candidate to be in the top 10% of their class. The reason for this is to encourage more applicants for the scholarship. **Motion was seconded and passed.**

**Election of DGG and AG:** These are actually General Society Officers, who are nominated by the state society to be formally elected by the General Congress in September.

Judie Allen nominated Mike Nichols for Deputy Governor General. There being no other nominations, Mike Nichols was selected as DGG elect.

Mike Byrne nominated Rick Denham for Assistant Governor. Pat Howard nominated Linda Hill. Linda declined. There being no further nominations, Rick Denham was selected as AG elect.

**2020 Committee:** Recording Secretary Linda Hill noted that The General Society requested that all State Societies have a 2020 Committee. Governor Carol Scarborough asked for volunteers. Dwight Benson, Lisa Pennington, Rick Denham, Leah Davis and Jean deSchweinitz volunteered.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Nichols, on behalf of the Nominating Committee Chair Pat Nichols, announced that there will be a short meeting of the nominating committee members at 8:30 am.

**Colony governor reports:**

**Central Texas Colony** report was read by colony governor Dwight Benson. Report filed

**Corpus Christi colony** report was read by Colony governor Judie Allen. Report attached

**Dallas Fort Worth colony** report was read by Colony governor Laurie Behn. Report attached.

**Houston colony** report was read by colony governor Lisa Pennington. Report attached

**San Antonio colony** report was read by colony governor Michael Byrne. Report attached

**Tyler Colony** report was read by colony governor Carolyn McCall. Report attached

**Waco Colony** no report

**West Texas colony** Report was read by colony governor Rick Denham. Report attached.

Meeting was recessed at 3:55.

**BOA meeting, #2 was called to order at 4:07 by Governor Carol Scarborough**

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Mike Nichols. The Membership income, non-membership income, membership expenses, and operational expenses were highlighted. He noted that the pay per paper for the historians will be changed to a historian expense item.

**Motion** by Mary Eck, Scholarship Chairman, that the amount of the annual Scholarship be raised from \$2,500 to \$3,000. **Motion passed**

**Motion** by Carolyn McCall that the amount of money allocated to the State Librarian be increased from \$1500 to \$2000 per year. Rational is to allow the State Librarian to add the two large areas that are not receiving Silver Books. **Motion was seconded and approved.**

Treasurer Mike Nichols moved to approve the budget as amended. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Carolyn McCall to drop the Longview Library from the list of designated Libraries. Rational is that the Longview Colony disbanded several years ago. **Motion seconded and approved.**

**Meeting recessed at 5:00**

## **BANQUET**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Governor Carol Scarborough.

**Opening Ritual:** Under the direction of Captain Mike Byrne, Kent Hopkins, Prarie Counce and David Appleton presented the colors as Mary Eck played the drum. Captain Mike Byrne led the group in the Pledges to the American flag, the Texas flag and the Mayflower flag. Elder Lisa Pennington gave the Invocation.

**Election of Delegates:** Governor Carol Scarborough noted that the first order of business was the election of delegates to the General Congress that will be held in September. Those who volunteered to be delegates were: Pat Nichols (volunteered by her husband Mike) Carolyn McCall, Lisa Pennington, Bart Henson, Dwight Benson, Laurie Behn, Prarie Counce, Leah Davis, Lawrence Casey, Charles Prince, Peggy Durack, Cheryl Sheldon, Nancy Parker, Mike Nichols, Judie Allen and Linda Hill.

**The program**, entitled "Did Pilgrim Women Save Plymouth Colony?" was presented by Lisa Pennington.

**The Mayflower Compact** was read by David Appleton, DFW Colony Deputy Governor. **The Ancestor Roll** was called by Judie Allen, State Library Chairman and Corpus Christi Colony Governor.

**Annual Award Presentation** This year the annual award was split between two very deserving candidates. Carol Scarborough introduced **award winner Betty Corcoran**. Bart Henson introduced **award winner Mike Nichols**. The annual donation that is made each year to the General Society will be made in both of their names.

**Scholarship Chairman** Mary Eck introduced our Scholarship winner, Kayla Bush, and her family: mother Tammy Bush, Grandmother Dorothy Tate, and Grandfather Danny Tate.

**Invitation to the 2015 Meeting:** Lisa Pennington, Governor of the Houston Colony, formally invited the group to the next annual meeting which will be held in Houston.

**Door Prizes:** Numbers for door prizes were drawn and gifts were distributed by Prarie Counce and Laurie Behn.

**Resolutions** thanking all those who had participated in putting together this meeting were read by Recording Secretary Linda Hill

**Announcements:** Mike Nichols announced that the nominating committee would meet in the morning at 8:30. All those intending to go to Plymouth were reminded to make their hotel reservations early.

**The Benediction** was given by Elder Lisa Pennington and the meeting was adjourned by Governor Carol Scarborough at 9:07 pm.

A short meeting of the 2020 committee was held after the meeting adjourned