

**Durand Heritage Foundation**  
**Minutes of Meeting October 4, 1998**  
Revised July 1999

Those present:

Mike Durand, Pres  
John Durand, Vice-pres  
Susanne Krasovich, Treas & acting Sec.  
Richard Durand  
Roger Durand  
Mary Brusegard  
Derek Brusegard  
Marilyn Durand

Those absent:

Elizabeth Kinslow, Sec  
Cecile Foley, co-treasurer

Mike began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking all for coming, noting with regret that Cecile Durand, co-treasurer and Elizabeth Kinslow, secretary could not be present.

Mike then listed the order of events on the agenda - see attached agenda sheet. He reiterated from the previous meeting that there was much interest in what we are doing. Of 150 mailings he sent out, he received 30 positive responses and 2 negatives responses, mentioning those received from as far away as Florida and California as well as many much closer to Wisconsin.

The minutes of the last meeting, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1998 were not read as Elizabeth was not present and had sent a transcript of what had been said the last time.

Susanne then gave the Treasurer's report - see attached sheet.

Of note are Mike Durand's personal contributions which include the cost of starting up the organization as well as printing and mailing costs of the first newsletter. Due to these contributions and memberships sent in, we are starting our organization in the black. Duly noted that John Durand brought in one more membership.

It is agreed upon by Susanne Krasovich and Mike Durand and with full knowledge of all present that Mike will keep the funds until such a time as is deemed proper by both parties to transfer said funds to Susanne.

As an extension of the treasurer's report, Mike said he would try to find a way to print the newsletter at a reduced or no cost to the foundation. One means of doing this would be to sell advertising space. After discussing this at length John Durand proposed that we not do that at this time. It was discussed and agreed on by all present to wait to do this.

Discussion followed about the proposed web site, that we could have on-line registration and a charge associated with it. It was also discussed and decided that the site would be free, and that we would instead seek and encourage support. The newsletter would be the only thing that we are charging for at this time.

Mike proposed putting us on a web site with the format as follows:

- 1) giving an introductory page which would explain who we are;
- 2) formatting a sign-up page where those interested can join the foundation;
- 3) providing a means of paying over the web;
- 4) providing a link-up with the page on the family tree that Roger already has on the Web.

Susanne suggested ending the information page with a 'cliff hanger' to induce more memberships.

John wondered what part our organization would play in relation to the reunion. Mike said the two negative responses also posed this question. Mike said that we are not competing with the reunion. Roger said he sees our organization as an overall umbrella with a global interest. It was fully agreed that:

- 1) we are separate entities and should remain that;
- 2) any relationship between the two, (reunion and foundation), would be a personal choice;

3) people working on a reunion could be, but would not have to be members of the foundation nor on a committee.

Mike said he felt that as members of the family we could go to the reunion; as members of the foundation, we could have a table at the reunion with information on our group.

This last point led us to our next discussion; Reunion 2000. We all agreed we'd like to see the reunion last several days: Friday night; all day Saturday; part of Sunday?

Mike said he could bring his scanner to scan old photos thus eliminating the problems of people not willing to give up their photos for fear of losing them or never getting them back again, and the cost and time of making a copy to be sent to us.

Mary suggested asking people to come to the reunion with their photos and asking for help in identifying people in some old photos.

Susanne suggested tours of the old farms and maps showing where each farm was/is located. In the summer of 1998, she, along with her husband, Matt, and cousin, Elizabeth, stopped at many of the homes and asked permission for others to do the same in the year 2000. A list of present owners and their phone numbers was obtained. Susanne Krasovich, Cecile Foley, and Elizabeth Kinslow will start on this project by next year.

Dick asked that the discussion not be prolonged on the reunion since this was not Roger's immediate family. Roger, however, felt this was not a problem and saw our branch of the family's reunion growing while his had always been small and would probably remain that way. He suggested that we open up the reunion to other branches of the family.

Next on the agenda: whether or not to keep the membership/social committees together.

Susanne suggested separating them citing that the two while compatible, are construed as different; membership being seen as fund raising/getting members - in other words - work; while social is regarded as the "fun" part of the organization and would attract those who want to have a fringe contribution. Mary thought they should stay as one saying she thought we would be "stepping on the toes" of the reunion family planners.

Susanne countered that that wasn't the case at all since the reunion families would be planning only the reunion, while the social committee would be planning trips: to Quebec, to see where Jean, and Louis, his son, lived and worked; to Faribault, where the family settled for awhile; to France, to visit the town Jean lived in before going to Canada, etc.; and parties: such as a Christmas party, wine tasting, or other type party. No agreement was reached.

The discussion that ensued dealt with how we perceive ourselves within this group.

Mike said he sees himself as a fund raiser, noting that he has done this before.

Roger and Dick said they see themselves as historians. Not everyone could pinpoint how the/she perceives him/herself or their committees. Mike asked each one to define their committee as he/she saw it and to have a mission statement for the next meeting. This will help clarify the committees. All agreed to work on these definitions and mission statement.

Roger is chairman of the research committee. He said he sees three areas of research:

1) Narratives - recent past; 2) Historical research - old past; 3) Historical research - ancient past.

Susanne added a fourth that she would like to see included - research in France going in both directions:

finding out about ancestors before Jean; and, finding out if there are any living relatives in France. Roger said he would continue working on Aunt Bea's work.

Dick said he would continue working on updating and correcting where Aunt Bea left off.

Mike indicated that his cousin, Ellen Olson in California, (John's sister) had called him and discussed her idea of collecting family stories to capture the real life events of our heritage. It was discussed at length if this fits under the research committee or if it should be a separate committee. It was decided to make this a separate committee. Mike then asked John if he would chair this committee. John agreed. He also said he would work with his sister Ellen, and try to find others to assist him on this committee. John will write narratives and anecdotal stories.

A suggestion was made to contact Art who is a good storyteller, as well as Mike's sister Virginia. All thought it a good idea to put something in the newsletter to the effect that if anyone has any such stories to send them to one of the board or committee members to pass on to John as well to bring these stories, [etc. to](#) the reunion.

Break for lunch.

Meeting was resumed with a discussion on developing a home page on the web site.

Some of the things discussed:

Derek will work on the web page with Roger with a hook up to the page, (Family Tree Maker), Roger already has on the web. It was decided to change the name slightly from the Durand Family Heritage and Foundation to the Durand Heritage Foundation. Derek will resource a password so browsers can get past the cover page, make it possible to join the foundation, and pay for membership on the web.

A discussion ensued about whether or not to make membership free the first year and just ask for donations rather than charging a fee.

Derek said it would cost \$70 for the web site name and \$10/month after that to maintain it.

It was noted that Andre Wong, grandson of Arthur Durand (Sr), has a web page, but it was decided that Derek's is more accessible.

Doing a reinterpretation of the book from which Aunt Bea got her information was also discussed.

Susanne who speaks and writes French fluently will look into this.

Next newsletter will come out in December. Mike asked that all contributions to the newsletter be sent to him by December 1, 1998. Mike also asked that all officers send a composite of themselves to be included in the next newsletter.

Roger offered his home as the site of the next meeting. This was agreed on heartily by all present. Next meeting will be Sunday, April 18, 1999 from 10:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. at Roger's house in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Duly submitted by Susanne Krasovich

## **Committees**

### **Newsletter**

Mike Durand, Chairman Roger Durand Susanne Krasovich Elizabeth Kinslow  
Angela Osborn

### **Membership/Social**

Mary Kaye Brusegard, Chairperson Derek Brusegard  
Pattie Hering

### **Research**

Roger Durand, Chairman Richard Durand Mike Durand Susanne Krasovich  
Elizabeth Kinslow Jeanne Sansovini

### **Records**

Elizabeth Kinslow, Chairperson Angela Osborn  
Mike Durand

## **Five Projects Identified at the First Durand Family Heritage and Foundation Organizational Meeting July 11th, 1998**

1. To integrate and expand the Durand Family data base, i.e. family tree, pictures and other important documents.
2. To determine if there is a need to disseminate information about the family tree
  - A. By having a CD- ROM printed for distribution purposes.
  - B. By having a printout of the family tree available.
3. To develop a central repository of information for family records, data, etc.
4. To promote the Durand Family Heritage Foundation through the newsletter and trips.
5. To develop and preserve our family history through the collection of stories and pictures to possibly be published in book form or by other means.