

Minutes of the Annual Durand Foundation Board of Directors Meeting on October 7, 2001.

Board Members Present:

Mike Durand, President;
John Durand, Vice-president
Roger Durand
Mary Kay (Durand Grant) Brusegard
Richard Durand

Board Members Absent:

Susanne (Durand Foley) Krasovich, Acting Secretary
Blanche (Durand) Hammer

Non-board Members Present:

Robert Durand
Alice (Durand) Keppel, Treasurer
Derek Brusegard

Mike Durand, opened the meeting.

Reading of previous meeting minutes

Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2001 were read by Roger Durand. Corrections to the minutes were made and the minutes were accepted as read. It was noted that, since the last Board of Directors meeting, the board acted to elect Alice Keppel to the position of Treasurer.

Treasurer's report-by Alice Keppel

Treasurer's report presented (attached).

MOTION: A motion to accept the report was presented and seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The annual report will be presented at the next meeting.

Election of Board Members

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to elect the following individuals to a three year term: Tom Bacig, Yvonne Cariveau, Susanne Krasovich, Richard Durand, and Alice Keppel.

Discussion: The group noted that two members were at the end of their terms (Richard Durand and Susanne Krasovich), three will end their terms next year (Joanne Berres, Mary Kay Brusegard, and Blanche Hammer), and three will end their terms in two years (John Durand, Mike Durand, and Roger Durand). Mike Durand presented information on two family members that indicated their willingness to act as Board members: Tom Bacig, and Yvonne Cariveau. Tom is a historian and educator and Yvonne has expertise in internet web design and implementation. It was noted that Alice, while occupying the position as Treasurer, was not yet a member of the Board of Directors.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Revision of Bylaws

MOTION: A motion to amend "Article VI, Section 2. Term of office" to read: "...for a term of two years, " was made and seconded.

Discussion: Members felt that officers should serve for two year terms.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to elect the following individuals to the positions indicated:

Mike Durand, president
John Durand, vice-president
Alice Keppel, treasurer
Roger Durand, secretary

DISCUSSION: The group discussed the need for the officers to have easy access and proximity to each other (either electronically or physically) to carry out the responsibilities of their positions.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Activities and Committee Reports

- Research Committee

Richard Durand reported on research work that he has been performing in the Wisconsin area. He reported contacts from the Curtis, Leon, and Barbara Durand families which were prompted by articles in the newsletter.

Roger Durand expressed his hope that Tom Bacig's talents will be able to provide direction to research committee.

- Records Committee

Blanche Hammer was absent but Roger briefed the board on Blanche's continuing efforts to update the family tree. Blanche has been receiving a constant flow of updates. The frequency of updates to the web site was discussed.

- Membership Committee

Marilyn Durand was absent but Mike briefed the board on the membership roster. 28 new memberships were initiated year to date this calendar year as compared to 60 total last year. A discussion of methods to alert members of impending membership dues renewal occurred.

- Sustaining Fund

A discussion of the Sustaining Fund and future needs and efforts occurred. Future needs for this fund may include an effort to identify means to house and catalog family materials of historical interest which fall under the Durand Foundation charter. Housing and cataloging of these materials, such as the Derrick trunk and other books and photographs, by means of a separate facility or in conjunction with an established repository such as a historical society were discussed.

Funding such an effort would be significant. Mike suggested enlisting Mr. Robert S. Keebler's help in educating the membership on family gifting to the Foundation. Mr. Keebler is a CPA with Virchow, Krause and Company in Green Bay, WI with expertise on family tax planning.

Establishment of an "Archives Committee" was discussed. This committee could decide on the materials to be archived and long term plans for such activities.

No action regarding a repository site was proposed.

Durand Foundation Web Site

Derek commented on the Foundation's web site and software. Exploration of software to improve sharing of documents by members occurred prior to the meeting and the costs appeared prohibitive, since we would need an independent server and compatible software for a network.

The need to upgrade features of the web site was acknowledged. It is hoped that direction by Yvonne Cariveau, one of the new board members, will aid in this upgrade.

Bylaws revisions

Officers will review current bylaws prior to the next meeting and recommend changes at that time, if necessary.

Wisconsin Durand Picnic in Spooner in 2002

The role of the Foundation in the planning of the 2002 picnic was reviewed. It was recalled that, at the last picnic, the role of the Foundation was established to be one of assisting in transmitting information by way of the newsletter. Planning of the picnic would continue to be the responsibility of the Durand families who usually participated in that effort. Minutes taken at the last family picnic would be sought.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for May 5, 2002 at Mike and Marilyn Durand's house in Burnsville, MN.

Submitted by Roger E. Durand, Secretary