



The annual Board of Directors meeting of the Dunham-Singleton Family Connections dba Dunham Genealogy Research Association was held on Sunday May 5, 2024 at 1:00 pm PDT via conference call. The meeting was announced in advance to members on the Website and email.

President Jeff Dunham called the meeting to order at 1:05 PDT. Board Members present were:

- Selma Blackmon (VP & Dir),
- Jeff Dunham (Pres),
- Trudy Dunham (Secretary, Asst. Treasurer & Dir),
- Lisa Eschenburg (Dir),
- Gratia Mahony (Acting Historian & Dir),
- Terry Ruppel (Dir), and
- James Streeter (Treasurer & Dir)

Michael Flynn (excused) and Eric Stoltz were absent.

Secretarial Report:

The minutes of the 2023 Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by James Streeter to accept the minutes as posted online at <http://www.dunham-singleton.org/mw/images/8/8c/SecReport-Mar2023.pdf>. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

James Streeter presented the Treasurer Report, posted online at <http://www.dunham-singleton.org/mw/images/4/43/FinReport-2023.pdf> .

Balances as 30 Apr 2023: General 9229.85 – DNA 215.55 – Memorial 100.00 -- Research 334.41 – for a total of \$9879.81 plus \$17.85 on PayPal – Total 9897.66 – plus a 25.00 check that needs to be deposited.

It was moved by Gratia Mahony and seconded by Trudy Dunham to accept the Treasurer report. The motion carried.

2024 DGRA proposed Annual Budget (itemized below) was presented by Treasurer James Streeter. Discussion ensued about continuing to hold funds for research and editor line items, and heavy reliance on a couple board members for the newsletter.

Item	Proposed	Adopted
Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	20.00	20.00
DGRA DBA Renewal Fee (every 5 yrs.)	20.00	20.00
National Genealogical Societies membership fee	50.00	50.00
Research Fees and Supplies	1,200.00	1,200.00
Newsletter Editor	600.00	600.00
Domain Registration (paid to 1 May 2025)	76.96	76.96
New Server Expenses	300.00	300.00
Board Meeting Teleconference expense	30.00	30.00
Total	2220.00	2,220.00

Gratia Mahony moved and Trudy Dunham seconded a motion to adopt the proposed budget; the motion carried.

Membership Report:

In 2023 DGRA had a total of 44 members vs 57 in 2022.

The 2024 Membership as of 29 April is 28 DGRA Members, 8 Bronze Members and 7 Gold Members for a total of 43. A second notice has been sent to all who did not respond to the initial membership letter.

Jeff Dunham moved and Gracia Mahony seconded this motion to accept this report; the motion carried.

Board Membership:

DGRA has had several changes on the Board during the past months. Pat Meyer and Audrey Hancock have resigned their positions as members of the DGRA Board of Directors. With their resignation, we have 9 Board members. (Our by-laws state that the Board consists of 5 to 15 members in good standing.)

The Bi-Annual Election of the Board of Directors took place in April and the ballots were sent to all members in good standing as required by our by-laws, and 19 ballots were returned. A review of the returned ballots indicated that all were in favor of all the 9 candidates who were our current Board. We would like to add Board Members; let us know if a member of DGRA is interested.

Jeff Dunham moved and Gratia Mahony seconded this motion to accept this report; the motion carried.

DNA Project Report:

Over the last 12 months, 5 male members have had Y-DNA testing performed. Of those, three were not either Dunham-Singletary or Deacon John Dunham male line descendants. They are joining for autosomal comparisons to others in our group. The remaining two are Dunham-Singletary male line descendants. Jeff Dunham will follow-up with a couple of recent communications about joining the Dunham DNA Project. There was discussion about the need to update the Dunham DNA Project information online and better communicate how to join the Project.

Jeff Dunham moved and James Streeter seconded the motion to accept this report. The motion carried.

Dunham's in America website:

Gratia Mahony, Historian, gave the report. In preparation for writing the two articles in the July 2023 newsletter she visited the Harry Dunham Park in Bernard Township, New Jersey. She researched and wrote up the "Twelve Generation Descent of Harry Melville Dunham" the man the park was named to honor. Writing the article "The Dilemma of Second Cousins named Joseph 5 Dunham" for the October 2023

newsletter required a great deal of research by both co-authors Audrey Shields Hancock and Gratia Dunham Mahony to sort out two cousins in the Dunham-Singletary line, both named Joseph and both having wives named Hannah. Now that this work has been done, Gratia can proceed with data entry on the Dunham web site. She acknowledged her appreciation for Audrey Shields Hancock's work.

For the January 2024 newsletter, Gratia provided some back ground material on the line of Rose Marie (Mushel) Ployhar who descends from Deacon John Dunham. The bulk of that article was written by James Streeter.

Continuing research on the Dunham-Singletary line allowed Gratia to write the for the April 2024 newsletter article, "The Big Picture: Nathaniel Dunham's Family, Associates, Neighbors in Woodbridge, Scotch Plains, and Bernardstown, New Jersey". Again, this article required a major amount of time and research.

In addition, Gratia has answered several queries from other Dunham researchers and replied to some of the questions from the Dunham Facebook page.

James Streeter moved and Jeff Dunham seconded a motion to accept this report; the motion carried.

DGRA Newsletter:

James Streeter reported that the DGRA Newsletter continues in its search for a new Editor for the publication We always need writers, people willing to provide one or more short articles each year. If you know of a topic for an article or short story but do not know how to pull it all together, please let the staff know and we will provide someone to help you do the research or the write up. There is a need for poems or short articles for the July issue of the newsletter.

Jeff Dunham moved adoption of this report, Gratia Mahoney seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Item 9 - Website Status:

James Streeter reported that the domain registration is current and paid to May 1 2025. Jeff Dunham continues to host the site but is working at moving it to another server before the end of the year. Jeff Dunham moved that the Website report be accepted, seconded by James Streeter; the motion carried.

Facebook Page & Group:

Trudy Dunham reported that the Dunham Genealogy Research Association Facebook page has 228 followers (up from 214 in March 2023) but sees little traffic. The DGRA FB group has 190 members (up from 134 members in March 2023) but sees little traffic and few posts. Trudy posted in April to announce the Board meeting. There was a comment in January about the website being down and how to access the newsletters and a few questions for our Historian. There were problems last summer and last fall with inappropriate posts (posts not related to DGRA, selling items). Jeff did create an organizational email address and Lisa did create several updated images but the changes were never reflected on the FB sites. [Note: a FB page is a profile page for the organization; a FB group is a place to share information, ask questions, discuss a shared interest.

Jeff Dunham moved that the Social Media report be accepted, seconded by James Streeter; the motion carried.

There being no further business, President Jeff Dunham adjourned the 2024 Board meeting 2:18 pm PDT.

*Minutes submitted by Trudy Dunham, Secretary
May 9, 2024*