

Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 4, 2024

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Spring meeting was held Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, 7105 Northwest 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to order at 11:11 a.m. by Deputy Governor Mark Church

Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain, Jackie Peters

Invocation by Treasurer, Gerald Graves

Treasurer, Gerald Graves gave the invocation in the absence of Elder, Kenneth Callison.

Introduction of all members and guests.

Self-introductions were made by members and guests.

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report - Lisa Lang

Jim Murphy moved to approve the minutes as presented in the Spring newsletter. Jill Brewer seconded. Minutes from the November 4, 2023 meeting approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Gerald Graves

We are in good financial shape. As of January 1, 2024, all application fees were increased by \$25. This was decided during Congress in Plymouth. Iowa application fees increased from \$175 to \$200. If applying online, a \$5 online application fee will be collected. If you pay the application fee by check, the fee will not be assessed. Online membership renewal is going well. There is no change to membership renewal fees and no charge for renewing online. We are certified with the data industry and appropriate security standards.

The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes and filed for review.

Historian's Report - Mark Church presented the report in the absence of Rebecca Campbell

- 364 members at the end of 2023 (12/31/23)
- 7 new members to date
- 7 reinstated
- 0 transferred out
- 0 transferred in
- 2 deaths
- 376 members currently

Necrology Report - Gerald Graves

Onalee Arnold
Steven Arnold
Linda Cahalan
Ronald Minear
Patricia Redig
Irene Stickley
Barbara Ann Wacha
Deborah Wells
Louis Winslow

Gerald read highlights of each deceased member's obituary. A moment of silence was held for the members who had passed.

Junior Membership - Jill Brewer

Jill Brewer submitted the following report for Junior Membership. We have gained 5 new junior members so far in 2024. Jill sends all new junior members a certificate, bookmark and book.

- 249 Junior members
- 10 Juniors aged 25
- 102 Juniors between the ages of 18-25
- 26 Juniors aged 17-18

Scholarship Committee - Linda Cassmann-Randall, Lisa Lang, Jill Brewer

The Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship winner will be announced on our website.

Bylaws - Bernie McGuire

Bernie summarized the changes to the Iowa Mayflower Society bylaws, which were presented in the Spring 2024 Iowa Mayflower Society newsletter..

- We will now be known as a Member Society rather than a State Society per the General Society changes to their bylaws.
- Clarified application procedures.
- Clarified Friends of the Iowa Society.
- Clarified transferring and reinstatement.
- Clarified Iowa Mayflower Society vs. General Mayflower Society

Bernie McGuire moved to accept the changes as presented.

Jim Murphy seconded.

Motion passed.

Newsletter & Website - James Murphy

Send any info or news to be included in the newsletter to: newsletter@iowamayflower.org

Check out our revised Iowa Mayflower society website. www.iowamayflower.org

Thank you to James for all of his work on the newsletter and website!

Reading of the Mayflower Compact - Captain, Jackie Peters

Number of Descendants - Captain, Jackie Peters

John Alden 1	Mary (Chilton) Winslow 1	Richard More 0
Pricilla (Mullins) Alden 1	Francis Cooke 6	William Mullins 1
Bartholomew Allerton 0	John Cooke 0	Degory Priest 2
Isaac Allerton 1	Edward Doty 3	Joseph Rogers 1
Mary (Norris) Allerton 0	Francis Eaton 1	Thomas Rogers 1
Mary (Allerton) Cushman 0	Samuel Eaton 0	Henry Samson 1
Remember (Allerton) Maverick 0	Sarah Eaton 0	George Soule 5
Elinor Billington 1	Moses Fletcher 0	Myles Standish 1
Francis Billington 0	Edward Fuller 1	Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland 4
John Billington 3	Mrs. Fuller (Wife of Edward) 0	John Tilley 2
William Bradford 0	Samuel Fuller (Son of Edward) 0	Joan (Hurst) Tilley 2
Love Brewster 3	Samuel Fuller (Brother of Edward) 0	Richard Warren 1
Mary Brewster 2	Constance (Hopkins) Snow 2	Peregrine White 0
William Brewster 4	Giles Hopkins 0	Resolved White 0
Peter Browne 1	Stephen Hopkins 8	Susanna (Jackson)White Winslow 0
James Chilton 3	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 0	William White 0
Mrs. Chilton (Wife of James) 1	John Howland 4	Edward Winslow 0

Stephen Hopkins had the most with 8 descendants present.

Dismissal for lunch was at 11:54 a.m.

Lunch/Closing Prayer - Treasurer, Gerald Graves

Speaker Introduction - Mark Church

In lieu of a speaker, the Iowa Gold Star Museum was available for self-guided tours until 2:00 p.m. Many enjoyed this beautiful museum that honors the heroic service of all Iowa veterans.

Adjournment by Deputy Governor, Mark Church

Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Next Meeting: Compact Day Meeting November 2 , 2024

Submitted by Secretary

Lisa Lang