

MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING
VON ROSENBERG FAMILY OF TEXAS
Saturday, July 18, 1992

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the President, Oscar Paul Lytton. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Introductions of everyone present. Darlyn Bechtol moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Treasurer's report was given by Bill von Rosenberg III, in the absence of the Treasurer, Robert Hein, who was on vacation. It reflected a balance in the operating fund of \$1,716.56 and a total of \$351.99 in the book fund.

Historian's report was given by Dale U. von Rosenberg. He went to Henkel Square to check on the von Rosenberg house, which had been reported to be in disrepair. A television crew used it for a movie and it has not been restored. The director of Henkel Square said that part of the problem has been that the property is in the process of being transferred from Mrs. Bybee, who will be 93 on her next birthday, to the University of Houston. A house across the street used to be owned by some von Rosenbergs and it was in disrepair; however, a couple from Houston has bought it and are restoring it. Dale announced that he still needs some people to assist with Volume III. If anyone can help, please let him know. Dale also reported he had received a call from a lady in Ohio who was working on her degree and was looking for letters written by German families. He gave her Robert Hein's name and address and suggested she contact Robert and buy a copy of the immigration letters.

Dale also reported on his visit to the Star of the Republic Library at Washington-on-the-Brazos. They do not have any information on the von Rosenberg family; therefore, Bill von Rosenberg, Jr. moved that we give the library a copy of each of our four publications. The motion was seconded and carried. Dale will deliver the books to the library.

Old business: Edna von Rosenberg asked Jo von Rosenberg to give the report on the cookbook project. Jo reported that August 31st is the absolute deadline for recipes. They would particularly like any German recipes you may have. Also, please indicate which branch of the family you belong to. They are also interested in any ideas on how the book should look and what information about the family should be included.

Darlyn Bechtol reported on the T-shirts. She still has plenty of children's shirts for sale; also, some small and medium adult sizes. If there is enough interest in the larger adult sizes, she can reorder.

New Business: The President asked for a motion on next year's Reunion. There was a discussion on the cost of meeting at Camp Lone Star. Glenn von Rosenberg reported that this year the Camp is charging \$71.00 per adult and \$51 per child. We are not been able to work out the deals with the Camp which we did in the past because their costs have increased and they have a waiting list of families wanting dates. However, the Camp has a plan whereby if we prepay our estimated cost in February, we can

receive a 10% discount. This would mean that we would need approximately \$3500-4000 from family members who would be willing to lend us the money from February until the Reunion in July. Glenn also discussed membership and how we can improve our attendance. The Camp has a total of 104 beds; we are using approximately 62 this weekend.

Roger von Rosenberg moved that we come back to Camp Lone Star next year and try to get the prepayment made. Motion was seconded and carried. Glenn asked that anyone interested in helping with the prepayment to come by and talk to him tonight.

Nettie Green showed some ceramic coffee mugs which have been made with the Family crest and name on them. These were obtained through a cousin whose brother works for a ceramics company in East Texas. There was a \$30.00 one-time charge for the drawing, which is good for three years from the date of the last order. She had 200 cups made for the initial order and is selling them for \$3.00 per cup or two for \$5.00. This company makes a variety of ceramic and plastic items, so Nettie would appreciate any ideas on other items we might want imprinted.

The Family Secretary, Phil Meerscheidt, gave his report. He first thanked Glenn von Rosenberg, Darlyn and Gary Bechtol, Kurt von Rosenberg, and several others for their help this year. He explained his health problems during this past year and concluded by promising he was going to whip this cancer so the Family would not need to get a new secretary. This was met with a round of applause. Phil stressed the importance of working on Volume III and urged anyone who could to help Dale with this project. Phil also discussed the lists which were sent out last fall showing everyone living in your city or state. He said he will update the lists and send them out again, and asked everyone to work on membership maintenance.

The Secretary also reported that our Treasurer, Robert Hein, has asked that he be replaced next year when his term of office expires. At that time, he will have completed 32 years of service as Treasurer. We appreciate his devotion and years of service to the Family. Bill von Rosenberg III of Austin has graciously agreed to be nominated for Treasurer next year.

The President announced that the Devotional Service would be held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning with Clois Green presiding.

The details of "The Hunt" were announced by Dale U. von Rosenberg. The teams will leave at 7:00 p.m. and should be back in plenty of time for the dance.

Recognitions: The youngest member in attendance was Leah Michelle Green, 17 month-old daughter of Art and _____ Green, and granddaughter of Nettie and Clois Green. The eldest present was Edna von Rosenberg, great-grandmother of the youngest member present. Hildegard Lindsay traveled the farthest, coming by bus from Titusville, Florida. She last attended a Reunion 35 years ago.

Sarah and Leo P. Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a week ago with all five children present. They also announced that their youngest son, Reeves, has retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service. Jack and Ruth Campbell had a baby girl July 15, 1992. Margaret Lee announced they would be moving from Burnet to Gonzales due to her husband's job transfer.

Darlyn Bechtol announced that the dance would be held in the Youth Dining Room, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Glenn von Rosenberg announced that the cost of the DJ has been covered.

There were 89 in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary

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c: Oscar Lytton
Kurt von Rosenberg
Dale U. von Rosenberg
Darlyn & Gary Bechtol
Glenn von Rosenberg
Roger von Rosenberg
William F. von Rosenberg, Jr.
William F. von Rosenberg, III

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
Sunday, July 19, 1992
10:00 a.m.

Byron von Rosenberg led the Memorial Service. He read the name of Hattie Hedwig Alice Allerkam von Rosenberg of Houston, wife of deceased Marcus Herman von Rosenberg, and mother of Gary Marcus von Rosenberg, Sr. of Houston, who died May 14, 1992 and was buried in Round Top. Sherrie Lytton reported that her mother passed away in June, at the age of 83 years. Byron called for a moment of silent prayer in the memory of those departed.

The devotional service was led by Clois Green. Clois read a passage of scripture and brought the prayer. Everyone joined in the singing, which was led by Art Green. Clois gave a brief devotional on teaching our children the values in life. Karen Callihan then held an enthusiastic and informative service for the children, teaching them about family history and how God cares about families. She then led the children in singing Jesus Loves Me and B-I-B-L-E.

At the close of the Devotional Service, some announcements were made: Glenn von Rosenberg reported that \$3500 of the prepayment to Camp Lone Star for next year has been promised. Everyone agreed we should continue to have a kid's camp on Saturday, and the dance on Saturday night. Jo von Rosenberg said we need recipes from branches three and four for the cookbook. Jo also suggested that next year people bring their scrapbooks and photo albums of past Reunions to share with other family members.

Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary

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