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Minutes of the last reunion

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The meeting of the 63rd Reunion of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas was called to order by President Darlyn Cartwright. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clyde vonRosenberg delivered our opening prayer. The President welcomed everyone.

Ann Barnes, our Historian, traveled the farthest distance, coming from Mesa, Arizona. There was a tie for the oldest family member present. Edna vonRosenberg and Clark vonRosenberg are both 94 years old. The youngest member present was Rebecca Juranek, 17 months old; the daughter of Ann and Tom Juranek. Under Family Achievements, Wayne Scholz reported that his daughter Allison graduated in May with a fashion degree. Jennifer Juranek participated in the People to People Ambassador program to Australia and New Zealand.

Motion made to accept last year's Minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The Treasurer reported \$769 worth of books were sold during the past year. Two newsletter mailings cost a total of \$902. As of June 30th, we had a balance of \$6,413.18. Since we still owe \$8,000 to family members for their loans to help us publish Volume III, Forrest Campbell moved that we pay off half of the debt; seconded by Shirley Meerscheidt; motion carried.

Forrest Campbell urged the sale of books, tee shirts, and other items so we can pay off the rest of the debt. He thanked Jo vonRosenberg for re-printing the Ancestral Voices. Due to the cost of re-printing, we need to increase the price of that publication. Wayne Scholz reminded people to buy books for their children as they grow up and move into homes of their own.

Pam Peters, Vice President, was thanked for all her hard work in organizing this year's Reunion activities. Pam made announcements of the activities planned.

Ann Barnes, Historian, gave her report, which included instructions on how to preserve our photographs and how to identify them. She explained that she has a number of pictures which have no identification or branch number on them, so it is very important to identify your pictures on the back with a #2 pencil. Be sure to identify your pictures with full names, date, and place. Ann also encouraged everyone to write their family history in a notebook or journal before it is lost.

Ann stated that there are 365 identified photographs, which she has scanned and cataloged by Branches. She has created a CD, which is available for \$20. These CDs can be ordered along with the books we have for sale.

Last year, we voted to donate our archives to the Fayette Museum and Library in LaGrange. Neale Rabensburg introduced two representatives from the library to bring us up-to-date on their expansion progress. The building should be finished in December of this year, and they are currently in the process of automating everything in their collection. They predict that in March or April of next year, they should be able to receive our collection. It will be the largest collection in the library.

Pam stated that we have a need for new tee shirts. Darlyn had the previous shirts made, and will take care of this project. It was decided that we do not need any more coffee mugs. Motion made, seconded, and carried to return to Camp Lone Start next year. We will request the 3rd weekend in July. Our By-laws were discussed. They have not been amended since 1970, so a motion was made, seconded and carried that we review the by-laws. The President appointed Glenn vonRosenberg as Chairman of the committee, along with the officers of the Association.

Neale Rabensburg will have a reception tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Meerscheidt House, with dessert, coffee, soft drinks, and wine. Everyone is invited.

Jo vonRosenberg said the members of the family who are going on the Heritage Trip are very excited. They leave September 10, returning September 29. They promise to bring us a complete report at next year's Reunion, complete with pictures. You won't want to miss hearing about this trip, so be sure you are at the Reunion next July.

The Sunday devotional will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am. We will also honor the memory of the Family members who have passed away during this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.