

## **Minutes of the 119th Conard Reunion**

**June 17, 2023**

Horsham Friends Meeting, Horsham, Pa.

The 119th reunion of the descendants of John and Sara Childs Conard was held Sat. June 17, 2023 at the Horsham Meetinghouse, Horsham, Pa. Jesse Hallowell, called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. He asked that everyone remember those we have lost in the past year with 5 minutes of silence, as our ancestors would have done long ago.

Jesse thanked everyone for coming and he led us with the Conard song and decided we'd do better without the music. (I hope to find a louder speaker for next year).

Branches: Charles 3, Joseph 2, Lewis 3, Peter 19 plus 1 guest from an Ohio branch, Andrew Conard.

Jesse, mentioned that Marty Searight was responsible for our website and she was instrumental in getting it going. She is missed.

The Executive Committee introduced themselves and a condensed version of the minutes from 2022 had been handed out to share instead of reading them. A motion to accept the minutes was passed and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of \$1,891.50 was given by Sam Conard. Ann Wilson made a motion to accept, and Diane Miernicki seconded it. It was approved.

Newsletter report: Jesse and his children, and with Judy Conards assistance of addresses, folded and mailed approx. 350 newsletters, 10 came back undeliverable. Jesse noted that the bulk of our expenses is the mailing of these, approx. \$1000.00. Diane Miernicki suggested that we stop mailing and use e-mail or text to save money. Sending post cards was also suggested, and cousins could respond by sending their e-mail or text or prefer a mailing. It was finally decided that all in attendance today should write their e-mail address for future correspondence on a paper passed around and was given to Jesse. Ken Spindler, made a motion to send one more mailing (post card), Stephanie Eloie seconded it, and was approved. The rest of the cousins would receive one more mailing of a post card and ask for their e-mail address, text, continue getting a notice by mail or discontinue receiving a notice.

Deb Johnston volunteered to work on a database. A suggestion to update family news via a zoom link and possibly connect quarterly was made.

Conard Books: Dottie Wiley stopped in before the meeting to greet us and drop off some of the books to be sold. They were originally printed in 2012, at \$10.00, \$13.00 if mailed. That price may need to be changed. (Dottie wasn't able to stay for the meeting) she stated that 5 books were sold last year and 1 this year.

Jesse brought up that a book committee would be needed to update the book, as hundreds of names since 2012 have been given to him. It will be a large task to do this. Deb Johnston volunteered to be on the committee, Stephanie Eloie and Jesse also, he also included Dottie Wiley to be on the committee. Jesse suggested they meet in the next 12 months to start updating the book. Sam Conard made a motion and Ken Spindler, seconded it and it was approved. Jesse gave several books to Andrew Conard to take to Ohio to sell to his cousins, as they were interested in our ancestry.

New Business: The bylaws state that the Pres. and V.Pres. only serve two consecutive terms, Jesse stated that he is stepping down because he has served 6 years. He asked that someone else volunteer or be nominated. He stated that he'd be happy to serve as V.Pres. and help assist whoever would be the Pres. Sam Conard made a motion and Peg Shipe seconded it that Jesse take the role of V.Pres.

Jesse asked if we should pause the next reunion, cancel or have someone volunteer as Pres. after sometime, Janet Roeber volunteered, and there was a round of applause! Thank-you Janet. She said she would do it for a two year term.

So, as it stands, Pres. Janet Roeber, V. Pres. Jesse Hallowell, Sec. Peg Shipe, and Tres. Sam Conard

Speaker: Regina Spindler from PostFalls, Idaho spoke of Faith and Family Life and how it has shaped her and her family. Her mother was catholic and her father was a protestant. She has lived in Los Angeles Calif. Fulerton Calif. NewKeysport, Pa. and then to Idaho. She comes from a large family, raised seven children, and her children have large families, she has 32 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Awards: Peg handed out the gifts:

Youngest child: 1 1/2 yrs. Marshall Manafro - toddler fork & spoon Reed & Barton

Youngest boy: Trace Waltmeyer 5 yrs. (there were no young girls present)

Oldest Lady: Regina Spindler 81 yrs.

Oldest Gent: Charlie Wilson 73 yrs.

Most Recently married couple: Marissa & Matthew Menafro 9-10-2016

Longest married couple: Ray and Peg Shipe 5-22-1976 47 yrs.

Traveled the farthest: Stephanie Eloe, Ken & Regina Spindler from Idaho

Jesse read thru the births, deaths, and marriages from the past year, the list follows the minutes.

Jesse suggested that we change the date starting next year as Fathers Day weekend there is alot going on, recitals, games etc. After a vote was taken, only one nay, it was decided that we meet the following weekend next year, Sat. June 22, 2024. Motion to change was made by Jesse, Ken spindler seconded, it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm. with a picture on the front porch of all in attendance. A nice pot luck luncheon was enjoyed with alot of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Shipe Sec.