

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FL, INC  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SAINT PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB  
February 12, 2011

Following a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m., the Annual Membership meeting of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc was called to order by State President Linda Smith at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Chaplain Atwood Brewton gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice President Edward Neugaard. The Huguenot Pledge to the American Flag and the Pledge to the Huguenot Flag was led by Chaplain Atwood Brewton.

A quorum was announced with 18 members in attendance and 6 chapters represented.

The President thanked the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter and Chairman Linda Neal for the arrangements for this meeting at St Petersburg Yacht Club.

The President welcomed everyone in attendance. Those present included:

Linda Smith, Florida State Society President;

Barbara Schulz, Florida State Society Recording Secretary and President of the Jean Calvin Chapter;

Edward J. Neugaard, Florida State Society Vice President and President of the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter with guest, Hannah Neugaard;

Charles Baker, Florida State Society Registrar with guest, Jean Baker;

Atwood Brewton, Florida State Society Chaplain;

Judi Adams, Florida State Society Corresponding Secretary;

David Bahn, President of the Fort Caroline Chapter;

Kenneth Carter, President of Ernst D'Erlach Chapter with guest, Kathleen Carter;

Virginia Bailey, President of the Henry of Navarre Chapter;

Linda Neal, Annie Kate Carpenter and John Skillman of Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter;

Elda Boyer, Martha Hauber, Melva Bartush, PruAnn Miller, Charles Beck and Roger Smith, members of the Jean Calvin Chapter and guest, Hal Miller.

A quorum of 18 members present declared by Recording Secretary.

The Standing Rules and Program and Agenda were distributed as accepted by the Executive Board.

The Minutes from the February 20, 2010 Annual State Membership were reviewed and corrected by a committee composed of Judi Adams and Mary Morgan. The Minutes were distributed to the Executive Board for consideration and sharing with the Chapters. Copies were provided to those present. Hearing no further correction, the Minutes were approved by Unanimous Consent.

A committee was appointed to review and correct the Membership Meeting Minutes. The Committee was comprised of Pru Ann Miller and Linda Neal. After review and correction the Membership Minutes will be distributed to members of the Executive Board to be shared with all the chapters of the Florida Society.

## REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Linda Smith distributed a copy of her Yearly Report sent to President General MacManus to be read at the annual National Huguenot Council in Washington DC in April 8-10, 2011. The report stressed the achievements and activities of our Florida State Society and the coordinated support of our members with other lineage societies.

Florida State Society Chaplain Atwood Brewton reported the loss of 8 members through death. Those members were:

Marie Bigelow, Grace Bowen, Martha Blizzard, Ruth Collette, and May Grundy Henderson of Fort Caroline Chapter;  
David Demarest of Jean Calvin Chapter;  
Gladys Hilton of Henry of Navarre Chapter; and  
Lillian M Swingle of Ernst D'Erlach Chapter.

A memorial service for all deceased members was then held and a flower placed in their memories. She read a commemorative poem and ended with a prayer. Member Marjorie Heaney of Ernst D'Erlach Chapter died January 11, 2011. Her recent death was noted and will be included in next year's memorial service.

Florida State Corresponding Secretary Judi Adams reported she had sent out the "Call" to meetings and the proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation, Florida Bylaws and Standing Rules, in a timely manner, along with the State newsletter by email and regular mail. She still has Huguenot bags to sell for \$10.00 to support the scholarship fund. Those wanting new white roster covers can order one for \$5.00 each.

Florida State Treasurer Brett D. Brown filed a Treasurer's Report. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters Financial Reports plus the Proposed Budget were sent to each member of the Executive Council ahead of time for their approval. He noted a late addition of \$20.00 for tote bags had been turned in increasing the final amount in the report by \$20.00. The amended Treasurer's Financial Report for January 2011 was filed for review by the Executive Board. The Board moved by Unanimous Consent to reduce the amount for Officer Expenses from \$1100.00 to \$600.00. The Budget was approved as corrected and presented to the Membership Annual Meeting.

Florida State Society Registrar Charles Baker reported that 9 new members approved or transferred in, but 11 others were lost through death, resignation and transfer out making a total membership of 186.

New members for 2010 were:

Melva Bartush, Ginny Bartush, Wendy Parlier, Reynolds Cushing and Sheryl Spain from the Jean Calvin Chapter;  
John Skillman and Penny Dewell from the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter;

Rev. Dr. W. Hunter Camp II from the Fort Caroline Chapter; and John Coffin transferred in to the Ernst D'Erlach Chapter.

Registrar Baker also stressed the need for Chapters to increase their membership. The year ended with 186 members. He urged members to keep in touch with the National Huguenot website for current additions and deletions to the approved ancestor list.

#### REPORTS OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

The following reports were read and/or filed:

Edward J. Neugaard for the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter;  
David Bahn for the Fort Caroline Chapter;  
Virginia Bailey for the Henry of Navarre Chapter;  
Kenneth Carter for the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter;  
Theodore Duay for the Louis DuBois chapter;  
Barbara Schulz for the Jean Calvin Chapter; and  
no report was received for Fleur de Lis Chapter

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Florida State Counselor Mary Nelson Morgan was not in attendance but had reviewed reports sent to her and made recommendations which were incorporated into the proposed revisions to the Articles, Florida Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Florida State Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas filed a report indicating one Allen Parker Scholarship in the amount of \$650.00 had been awarded this year. The recipient was Mary Kate Harvey sponsored by the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter. The deadline for new filings is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Douglas noted there is now enough in scholarship funds to award two next year for \$650.00 each. The deadline for new filings is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Smith reported for Webmistress Susan Szewczyk that the website for the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc has been updated.

Florida State Society Newsletter Editor J.B. deRosset filed a report indicating he had compiled and published two Florida Newsletters and plans to publish another after the February 2011 Meetings. All Newsletters can be found on the State website.

Bylaws Committee will be taken up under Unfinished Business.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Roger Smith presented the Financial Review Report of Edward Neugaard, Roger Smith, and Barbara Schulz. The Treasurer was commended for his organization and detailed reports. The report was accepted by Unanimous Consent by the Executive Board. The Committee was thanked and dismissed.

Reverend Dr. W, Hunter Camp II sent in a proposal for a Membership Committee upon request of President Smith. A Special Committee was appointed with Rev. Camp as Chairman and members David Bahn and Judi Adams from the Executive Board. Member John Skillman also volunteered to serve on this committee. The purpose of the Membership Committee is to investigate ways to increase membership. Dr. Camp presented several excellent ideas for the committee to work with. The committee will report to the Semi Annual Executive Board in the fall or sooner as ideas are presented. David Bahn indicated he would be willing to represent the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc at the upcoming North Florida Genealogy meeting and display on March 12, 2011 at the Jacksonville Library. He was directed to set up a table and provide brochures and to submit bills for reimbursement.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Further proposed corrections had been submitted to the approved proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules. Each proposed article was presented and opened for further correction.

#### 1. PROPOSED CORRECTIONS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, INC

Article II – PURPOSE — discussion of changing word “emigrated” to “immigrated” was researched at length. After discussion, it was agreed by Unanimous Consent to leave the wording intact to follow National wording.

Article IV - QUALIFICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS - No further changes than those already presented to this Article

Article VII — MANAGEMENT - No further changes than those already presented to this Article

Article XII – QUORUMS - No further changes than those already presented to this Article

Article XVI — DISSOLUTION - No further changes than those already presented to this Article

#### 2. PROPOSED CORRECTIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, INC

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP — SECTION A – ELIGIBILITY - No further changes than those already presented to this Article

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP — SECTION C — JUNIOR MEMBERS - Insert words and punctuation “, State Dues and Chapter Dues.” The wording and punctuation was

approved by Unanimous Consent. No further changes than those already presented to this Article

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2**

**ARTICLE IV — CHAPTERS — SECTION A — NEW CHAPTERS - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**ARTICLE IV — CHAPTERS — SECTION B — CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN NEW CHAPTERS - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**ARTICLE IV — CHAPTERS — SECTION D — DISBANDING OF CHAPTERS - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3**

**ARTICLE V — FEES AND DUES — SECTION I — APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL FEES - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4**

**ARTICLE IX — MEETING, DELEGATES AND QUORUMS — SECTION B — MEETINGS OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FLORIDA - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5**

**ARTICLE VIII — POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS — SECTION A - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

**ARTICLE VIII — POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS — SECTION H - No further changes than those already presented to this Article**

The proposed corrections to the revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and the Florida Bylaws noted above were approved by Unanimous Consent by Membership.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, INC**

**FEES AND DUES**

Strike out \$40.00 and insert \$30.00 for National Huguenot Society Application for Membership Fee; Strike out \$15.00 and insert \$10.00 for National Huguenot Society Annual Dues; Indicate \$10.00 for Huguenot Society of Florida State Dues and insert \$5.00 for Huguenot Society of Florida State Application Fee. No further changes than those already presented to this Article

The Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc were approved by Unanimous Consent.

Acting Parliamentarian Roger Smith suggested Roberts Rules of Order allowed the Secretary to correct typographical errors and to add numerals following number names for clarification.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Virginia Bailey of Henry of Navarre Chapter requested the disbandment of the chapter to the Executive Board. The Chapter dissolution was approved with regret and to accept the Henry of Navarre Huguenot Flag for use by the State Society until such time as the Navarre Chapter reestablishes. State Treasurer will maintain the funds of the chapter as required in the Bylaws. The Chapter Flag was gratefully accepted to be used as the Huguenot Society of Florida State Flag. All property of the chapter was turned over to State President. The members of the Chapter will be sent letters from the Jean Calvin Chapter to request their transfer without cost.

Because of the donation of this flag, the \$505.00 that had been collected for a new state flag will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Due to more donations collected, the fund as of 2/12/211 now stands at \$525.00 and that amount will be sent to the State Treasurer.

The old State flag was voted by the Executive Board to be given to Coligny Chapter along with two poles, one American flag and one base and one bag, for a donation of not less than \$25.00.

The 76<sup>th</sup> National Congress will be held in Washington DC on the April 8-10 2011. The President is automatically a Delegate. Roger Smith would be delegate at large and Barbara Schulz will represent the Jean Calvin Chapter. With no other requests for delegation, the Slate was approved by Unanimous Consent.

The traveling membership plaque was awarded to the Jean Calvin Chapter for the most new members this year a total of five. The plaque was presented by Registrar Charles Baker to the President Barbara Schulz and all 8 members of the Calvin Chapter in attendance.

Judi Adams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee consisting of Judi Adams, Mary Morgan and Roger Smith presented the Slate of officers for 2011-2013 in accordance with Florida State Bylaws, as follows:

- President -- Linda L. Antram Smith, Jean Calvin Chapter
- Vice President -- Edward J. Neugaard, Adm. Gaspard de Coligny Chapter
- Recording Secretary – Roger F. Smith, Jean Calvin Chapter
- Corresponding Secretary -- Judith J. Adams, Fort Caroline Chapter
- Treasurer-- David J. Bahn, Fort Caroline Chapter
- Registrar -- Charles L. Baker, Ernst d'Erlach Chapter
- Chaplain -- Atwood A. Brewton, Fort Caroline Chapter
- Historian/Librarian -- Kenneth E. Carter, Ernst d'Erlach Chapter

A motion was made by John Skillman to accept the report. It was seconded and passed. The Nominating Committee was thanked and dismissed.

A call for further nominations for each office was made by the President. Hearing none, a motion was made by Barbara Schulz to approve the nominations. It was seconded and passed. Linda Neal, past Recording Secretary General and Past Coligny Chapter President conducted the installation.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Smith announced the Huguenot Society of Florida will hold its next Annual Membership Meeting in Jacksonville Florida on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2012. The Fort Caroline Chapter will host and make the arrangements

A Semi Annual Membership and/or Executive Board meeting will be called for in October 2011 as needed.

The mid year Meeting of General Council of National Officers will be held in Louisville, Kentucky Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. President Smith will be attending.

After a Benediction by State Chaplain Atwood Brewton, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Membership and guests met for lunch at 12:00 p.m. with a prayer by State Chaplain Atwood Brewton. Speaker Dr. Christine Probes, a Professor at USF and a Calvin Scholar, spoke about Calvin and his writings, about astrology and the universe.

Barbara Schulz, Recording Secretary