

CORY FAMILY SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2017 Lansing, Michigan

Members present: Earl and Chris Cory, John and Sue Corey, Christine Koehler, Carolyn Corey, Marjorie (Corey) Fenili, Irene (Cory) DeBlake, Brent Cook and Robin (Cory) DeBlake, Steve and Gail (Cory) Cole, Russell Cory, Patty (Cory) Lesch, Joe Cory and son Nicolaus Cory, Martha Marshall, Kelly Marshall Reeve, Wayne Furman, Janet (Furman) Tuttle, Sally (Furman) Friedland and Roxanne (Cory) Seeber.

Terry and Sherrie (Corey) Rohweder attended the various events, but did not attend the meeting. Doyle and Jan Corey Arnett joined the group during our tour of the Michigan State Archives. Jan arranged for our speaker, Jim Jackson.

Vice President Earl Cory opened the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Earl conducted two drawings for two Jackknives from the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois. They were embossed with 1) "Corey" and 2) "Cory" which were awarded to the respective winners.

Carolyn read the minutes from the last meeting in Sept. 2015 which were approved as read.

The current treasurer's report from James Corey was not available, but Earl referred to our last newsletter, May 18, 2017, when our balance was \$9,961. *Ed. note: Jim's October 1 update shows cash balance now \$10, 147.*

There were no DNA or genealogy reports available from our genealogist Thomas Corey.

Earl reported on the website status of the databases which he is gradually updating as he obtains new information. He has also been sending out individual updated reports upon request and will continue to do so. The \$12 annual website fee has been paid by Earl in lieu of paying his annual dues. The policy has been to put the newsletter on the website after one year.

Earl also advised members to download their DNA results to GEDMATCH.COM from any DNA test site. There was also a brief discussion about advisability of using RootsMagic or Ancestry, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Location and date of our next meeting.** Joseph (Joe) Cory of Des Moines, Iowa, volunteered to host the next meeting there in 2019, tentatively June. It was suggested that a bus be hired if there are tours, provided enough people sign up ahead of time for the meeting. Earl will continue as meeting coordinator for this event.
2. **Discussion about the membership DUES** and the possibility of dropping them altogether resulted in unanimous agreement to no longer charge for the email newsletter. Carolyn reported that there are approximately 350 current, past and potential members (including approximately 100 paid 2017 members) in the email database. She will in the future send newsletters to the entire database for free.
3. **OFFICERS**
 - a. **President** - John Corey (current VP) volunteered to take over the presidency from Fred Corey who has resigned. Fred will continue as a member of the board as past-president, replacing Art Corey. Election was held and the position of President was filled with John Corey.
 - b. **Vice-President** - Earl Cory will continue in this role and as webmaster and temporary meeting coordinator. The Articles of Constitution say that the Society has one or more vice-presidents. In the past, we have had two, thus, with the election of John Corey as president, we have a traditional second vice president opening.

- c. **Treasurer** - Christina Cory has volunteered to take over this position from James Corey, who has resigned. She will contact James and arrange for funds transfer.
- d. **Secretary** - Carolyn Corey will continue to take minutes and maintain the email database for sending out newsletters.
- e. **Newsletter Editors** - Luke Davidson and Christine Koehler have switched/modified roles so that she is now the Editor and he will be the Assistant Editor, a new position. The position of Newsletter Coordinator was eliminated.

Chris K. asked for photos to be emailed to her of this meeting to be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Earl will set up a Facebook account for the Cory Family Society.

Earl proposed that we no longer charge dues for membership since we no longer have any expenses except the reunion meetings. Seconded and approved.

Earl proposed that we use the current funds to finance DNA testing for current members of the society. These funds could be used to reimburse members with the surname Cory/Corey performing DNA testing through FamilyTreeDNA. The exact level of testing and whether to provide for the Autosomal Family Finder function was left for further discussion. The results of the tests would be managed by Thomas Corey. Seconded and approved.

John and Joe agreed to work together on the "Great Book of John 1" from descendants of John of Long Island. (See Sept. 2015 minutes for a description of this title)

Joseph (Joe) Cory agreed to host the next meeting, sometime in 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa. His Uncle Russell Cory agreed to help Joe.

Earl asked for a vote on paying for the meeting expenses of approximately \$270 from our treasury. Approved.

Move for adjournment approved at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



CFS secretary