

The San Diego Colony
The Society of Mayflower Descendants
In the State of California

Minutes of the Membership Meeting
May 9, 2020

The online Membership Meeting of the San Diego Colony of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of California was called to order by Governor Budd Leef at 10:10 am via Zoom.

Governor Leef spent some time explaining Zoom and discussed the "Raise Your Hand" icon on the screen's menu bar, and the "Mic" icon in order to mute and un-mute oneself. He gave some tips in the event of problems arising from the member's end.

The Invocation was led by Colony Elder, Joyce Shiloff. Bill Peters conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Smith led the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Budd Leef welcomed everyone to the May 9, 2020, San Diego Mayflower Colony Membership Meeting. He thanked everyone for joining us for this very important and different meeting. Governor Leef announced that later in the meeting we would be electing our Colony's next officers for the 2020-2022 term. He welcomed California State Governor, Ray Raser, who would be installing the Colony Officers. The new Committee Chairs would also be introduced. Governor Leef also mentioned that anyone who did not receive the latest San Diego Colony newsletter should email him.

A quorum was present at the Zoom meeting.

Membership Report

Membership Chair, Judith Reale, stated that work is continuing on new applications. She welcomed prospective member, Marc Bennett, and transfer member, Diane Wagener, who were in attendance at the Zoom meeting.

MAYFLOWER NEWS

The Minutes of the Colony's February 2020 Breakfast Meeting and the most recent Treasurer's Report have been approved by the Board and will be filed and placed on the Colony's website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Jan Quigley, shared:

Cash Balance 2/15/2020	\$14,708.38
Receipts:	\$3,713.02
Total Cash Balance:	\$18,421.40
Disbursements	\$3,248.90
Cash Balance 5/1/2020	\$15,172.50
CD:	\$4,122.19
Savings:	\$1,122.92
Total U.S. Bank 5/1/2020	\$20,417.61

GENERAL SOCIETY NEWS

Governor Budd Leef announced that the General Society has made the difficult decision to cancel or postpone a number of events which had been scheduled for this coming Fall including the 2020 Congress Meetings. Tours in Plymouth have been cancelled, so individuals will need to cancel their own scheduled tours. Governor Leef shared that the General Society has prepaid for many things that have now been cancelled and which will not be reimbursed. He wanted members to consider making a donation to the General Society which will be greatly appreciated. Governor Leef emphasized that **2021** will also be a big year to CELEBRATE—so he encouraged members to visit the General and State Society's websites to be informed of their future plans and events.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY NEWS

California State Governor, Ray Raser, stated that the State Headquarters are now in San Diego County. Gail Raser volunteered to handle all mail. The State Historian will continue with her activities.

SAN DIEGO COLONY 2020/2021 NEWS

Assistant Governor, Kathy Loftman, reported on the prospect/outlook for our planned upcoming Colony events, and thoughts from our 400 Year Celebration Committee:

- The San Diego Colony has \$2,2601.28 in the 2020 account
- The Coronado Parade cancelled
- The La Mesa Parade cancelled
- The Plimoth Plantation West event is tentatively planned for Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020
- Plan on commemorating our ancestors in 2021
- There are still some items that can be acquired with a donation:

Nocturnal on stand \$56; compass \$40; laser engraved boxes \$20; wine \$35; postcards \$5; Challenge coins \$40; Rose Parade pin \$15

If anyone is interested in the above items---Kathy said to contact her at sdcolonygov2020kl@gmail.com

Assistant Governor, Kathy Loftman, said that we have had some challenges, but we had a good time with the float and everything leading up to it. She thanked everyone for their help.

Governor Leef reported that there was a full-page article in the April 26 Union-Tribune about a new Mayflower book. This biography of Stephen Hopkins was authored by Jonathan Mack, a San Diego Colony member. The book is called "A Stranger Among Saints" and can be found online and in several formats.

Governor Budd Leef presented the nominated Board Officers:

Governor: Kathleen Loftman
Assistant Governor: Judith Reale
Recording Secretary: Amy D'Lima
Corresponding Secretary: William Peters
Treasurer: Jan Quigley
Elder: Kenneth Whittmore
Historian: Beverly Willey
Web Master: William Leef
BOA Delegate: Gail Raser

A motion was made to accept the proposed Board as nominated by Jennifer Anklesaria. It was seconded by Bill Smith. A vote was taken for the nominated slate of Board Officers—and the proposed Colony Officers were elected.

Governor Leef expressed congratulations to the newly elected San Diego Colony Officers. He also thanked the outgoing Board Members for their hard work and support for the Colony and the State Society.

California State Governor, Ray Raser, installed the elected Officers of the San Diego Colony:

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California State Governor, Ray Raser, introduced the newly elected San Diego Colony Governor, Kathy Loftman, to continue the meeting.

Governor Kathy Loftman thanked Budd Leef for his great leadership over the past two years. She praised his wonderful skills: his wonderful sense of humor; his ability to be steadfast and true to his course of action; his willingness to deal with the issues that arose; fun to work with; supportive; his pleasant and easy-going manner; and his ability to stand-up when it matters. She called him a fearless leader who has been a terrific Governor.

Governor Kathy Loftman introduced the incoming appointed Colony Committee Chairs:

Membership Chair: Mary Celine Scott

Hospitality Chair: Sonja Itson

Decorations Chair: Jim & Susan Mattern

Education Chair: Ann Conboy

Parliamentarian: Bill Smith

2020/2021 Chair: Kathy Loftman

Past Governor/Advisor: Budd Leef

Announcements

Governor Loftman stated that there are two events planned for the Fall:

- Plimoth Plantation West is still tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2020. The House of Spain will be our host. If the event cannot be held this year, we will look to postpone the event until the Fall of 2021.
- Our Compact Day event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21. A determination will be made later this summer whether or not the event will be held online, in person, or postponed. The venue has yet to be determined.

Governor Loftman stated that there are opportunities to engage our Colony this Summer and Fall with Mayflower 400 Commemorative Activities:

- Community service activities
- Calls to members whom we haven't heard from in a while
- Afternoon tea or late afternoon wine and cheese via ZOOM (non-gatherings)
- Seeping Speedwell party (August)
- Sept. 6, 1620 the Mayflower left Southampton, England
- Nov. 9 the Mayflower arrived in the Americas

Governor Loftman closed with a personal statement. She expressed that in her wildest dreams she never imagined the COVID 19 pandemic and country-wide shutdowns. Governor Loftman challenged each to remember their ancestors and where they were 399 to 400 years ago facing an unknown voyage and settlement in the New World. She expressed that those turbulent and challenging times long ago are not unlike the fact that we are facing challenges today.

Governor Loftman questioned which ancestor roles the new Board Members will replicate: the Chaplain comforting people; the Historian/Recording Secretary documenting what happened; the Membership Chair folding new members into the community; and the Education Chair teaching the young.

Officially, Governor Kathy Loftman's new email address is: sdcolonygov2020kl@gmail.com

Governor Loftman thanked everyone for attending the online meeting.

The closing Benediction was given by Kathy Loftman.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am

Submitted by
Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary