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Summary of RFA Board Meeting in Lancaster, PA on June 24, 2005

-RFA members in attendance: Bruce Belanger, Pam Flasch, Betty Gaeng, Phyllis Hershock, Roberta Kirwin, Jane Lucas, Sam McNeely, Donald Ruffner, Fred Ruffner, K. Daniel Ruffner, Larry Ruffner, Dorothea Russell, Robert Sheets, Shirley Sheets, Nancy Lee Shifflet, and Jane Webber

-Dan welcomed us all to another Ruffner meeting, remembering those who are not with us this year and welcoming the Newman family who coordinated their reunion with ours. Phyllis Hershock distributed the minutes from the previous board meeting in Cincinnati, OH, on June 19, 2004. They were approved as presented. For the election of board members, our president had surveyed those already serving, and only Dorothea Russell chose to retire from her board membership. Her grandson, Bruce Belanger, was chosen to take her place as a representative of the Reuben line. This nomination was accepted, and a vote of the board present reelected those already on the board. A question was raised about the status of board members who have not attended recent meetings, paid their yearly dues, or contacted the group concerning such matters. We will need to contact these members to see if they are still interested in RFA board membership.

-Pam Flasch's name was presented as the replacement for the editor of Ruffner Roots & Ramblings. All were delighted with her selection and wish the best for Joan Reid, our current editor, who could not be with us. Joan's annual report was delivered, and she thanked us for the opportunity to serve the family since 1997. Her report stated it costs \$7.00 per membership to publish and mail the newsletter for a year, and she suggested we produce two newsletters of slightly greater length per year. Once again Joan urged all of us to contribute to the content of the RR&R.

-Sam McNeely presented the financial report with our current RFA balance at \$6,962.00 that includes \$4,000 for the genealogy update. Income had been \$5993.00 from 9-30-03 to 5-31-05, and major expenses included publications, memorials, meetings and reunions. A discussion about the monies being held for the future publication led to the discussion of its progress toward completion. We still do not have the information ready from the Reuben, Joseph and Benjamin lines.

-We discussed a need for a membership drive, and Jane Webber volunteered to head this focus.

-Bob Sheets presented an archival report noting that it is important that we keep photographic records as well as written documents. At this time, things are safe in a specially designed room in the Sheets home in Denver.

-Fred suggested we look into the 501C3 status for the group for many good reasons. Nancy and Sam will look into this. He also brought genealogical information from Europe, and we decided to identify our Ruffner family as Swiss Germans.

-Kate Ruffner petitioned the board for a scholarship to participate in the National Young Leaders State Conference. It was decided to pass a basket at the dinner, and the board would match funds.

-Bob Sheets shared a report on the western office of the RFA. Total amount in the account is \$1,072.16 after a deposit was made on the YMCA site at Estes Park for the 2007 reunion on June 14, 15, 16, and 17th.

-Sam suggested that the proceeds of the 2005 reunion be rounded up to \$1,000 for a contribution to the Virginia Rigg piano student scholarship. All agreed.

-Bob proposed we establish a "Director Emeritus" status in recognition of the contribution individuals have made to the Ruffner Family Association. Dorothea Russell and George Ruffner were nominated as the first to be included.

-Board meeting for next year will be in Luray, VA.

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