

**Scottish Society Board of Directors meeting
October 13, 2009**

Called to order by President Ellis Buchanan at 7:05 p.m., John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Present	Absent	Other Members	Guests
President Ellis Buchanan		Lea Buchanan	
Vice-President John Weir		Harrell Sutherland	
Secretary Florence Bunten		Lila Dustin	
Treasurer		Wiley G. Gunn	
Director 2010 Nell Sutherland		Mary Hoffmeyer	
Director 2010 David Sutherland		John Heberling	
Director 2011 Tom McMasters		Anna Giron	
Director 2011 Wilma Heberling		Sue Brannon	
Director 2012 J. D. Stelling		Earl Robinson	
Director 2012 Douglas Kuehn			

Minutes of last board meeting (Florence Bunten) – accepted with corrections. After minutes are approved they will be posted on our website.

Treasurer's report (John Weir, Acting Treasurer) – We really need people to pay their dues. This is where we are way behind. Other than that, there were no serious expenses for the month. Filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – 1 new membership, and 2 renewals. Celeste Cook was accepted as a new single member.

History (Tamara & Florence) – no news.

Financial Committee (John Weir, Chair) – no news.

Nominating Committee - still working on finding treasurer and secretary candidates.

Events Committee (Wilma Heberling)

- **Burns' Nicht** – Highland dancers will perform, we hope the Bluebonnets will perform and include audience participation dances. We may do an extra mailing (in addition to Crann Tara) to remind members about Burns' Nicht. Wilma will go ahead and order tickets from H.P. Printing. We are looking for an alternative space to have the 2011 Burns' Nicht, as this may be the last time we can use the Sam Houston Club.
- **Fall Picnic** – the barbeque was excellent as always thanks to the Sutherlands. Thanks also to Sue McMasters for organizing the picnic. There was Scottish country dancing and Tom McMasters played guitar and sang.
- **Other Events** – Ellis thanked Sue Brannon for taking a last minute piping gig at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Fall Festival is on Sat, 17 Oct. Founders Day on the grounds of the Alamo 24 Oct 11:00 - 5:30. Jim and Deby Stelling recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Florence, Chris, Ellis and Lea were all present at the Clan Donald AGM in September here in San Antonio. Lord and Lady McDonald came over from Skye. Lea and Ellis presented them with a Texas flag that had flown over the Alamo.

Benevolence (Lea Buchanan) – the committee will get in touch with lapsed members to make sure they are doing alright. We still needs people to let us know if someone needs cheering up. Call Lea, Vickie or Nell. Sue Brannon's father is celebrating his 96th birthday.

Genealogies (Lila Dustin) – Lila reported on the Harp and Shamrock Golf Scramble. She took genealogy resources with her. There was a piper and lots of people wore kilts. SSSA hopes to have a golf tournament in 2010 as a fund raiser. Lila wants to do a calendar of all the Celtic organizations, and is gathering information for it.

Announcements:

- **SAPD (Harrell Sutherland)** – September 11th found SAPD at Live Oak Fire Department memorial service in the morning, Harp & Shamrock Hoolie, Sept 26th Houston Street Fair and Market, SSSA picnic at our old practice space in MacArthur Park, October 10th Fall at the Alamo, this Saturday Oct

17th Forest Hills Presbyterian Fall Festival, Oct 24th ALS Benefit Walk at San Pedro Springs Park. Cookoff at Brown's O.K. Corral in Poteet, Extravaganza at Institute of Texan Cultures on Oct 28th, Oct. 31st Sutherland Springs parade. New practice site: VFW Hall on the river at 10th Street.

- **SAHGA (Tamara Carroll)** – Tamara is absent, but Ellis reported that SAHGA meets on the 4th Monday at the Girl Scout Headquarters on Coker Loop.
- **Harp and Shamrock (Joan Moody)** - Ellis reported that Joan Moody was recently installed as President of Harp and Shamrock Society.

Crann Tara (Lea Buchanan/Anna Giron) – we are trying out a new printer, Lanier High School. Anna Giron is the new editor. Lea passed out copies of the *Crann Tara* in its new format. Ellis wants the steering committee to be the board for the *Crann Tara*. September and October were combined in this issue. Send articles for the *Crann Tara* to sssa-editorcranntara@satx.rr.com. Please submit by the 22nd of the month. Minutes of the board meetings will be posted on the website and not in the *Crann Tara* for now. www.scottishsociety-sa.org. We would also like to sell ads to offset the cost of the newsletter. Apologies to Jim Stelling and Harrell Sutherland. They submitted articles and were not given credit.

Library (Tom McMasters) - Rev. McQueen will find space for our library amongst the church's library.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Items for the good of the society - Anna Giron prepared a Scottish dinner for "Scottish kitchen" at OLLU.

Wilma recently visited Scotland and had coffee with Alan Scott, editor of Scottish Snippets on the web. Earl Robinson has the drum major poster in his storeroom. Needs to be repaired. David brought caps and polo shirts.

Meeting adjourned – 8:30 p.m.

Next board meeting - will be at John Calvin Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2009.