



The Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the State of Connecticut

CONNECTICUT MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2021, The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405

Call to Order: Governor Gregory Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 p.m., welcoming members, guests, and our featured speaker Drew Shuptar-Rayvis.

Invocation and Presentation of Colors: Historian Midge Hurtuk delivered the invocation. Captain William Lane presented the colors and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Governor Thompson introduced Donald Studley, Deputy Governor General of the General Society and former Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Midge Hurtuk, Historian General of the General Society and current Historian of the CT Mayflower Society; Mary Brown, Deputy Governor General for CT and former Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Kerry Comisky, Deputy Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Katherine Simmons, Recording Secretary of the CT Mayflower Society; William Lane, Captain of the CT Mayflower Society; Assistants of the CT Mayflower Society Sara Champion, Judi Thompson Paige, Randy Russell; and Joan Prentice who is the Membership Chair.

Necrology and Memorial Prayer: Governor Thompson read the necrology and delivered a memorial prayer in remembrance of those who have passed.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact: Deputy Governor Kerry Comisky read the Compact, noting its historical significance in the founding of our country.

Roll Call of the Ancestors: Kerry Comisky read the Roll Call of the Ancestors. Ancestor William Brewster and his family had 22 descendants present at the general meeting, the most for any ancestor. The tally of descendants of other Mayflower passengers and their families present at today’s meeting included:

Stephen Hopkins, 19	John Alden, 9	James Chilton, 6	Samuel Fuller, 1
Richard Warren, 18	Edward Fuller, 9	Thomas Rogers, 6	Degory Priest, 1
John Howland, 14	William Mullins, 9	Edward Doty, 5	Edward Winslow, 1
William Bradford, 13	George Soule, 9	Myles Standish, 5	Degory Priest, 1
Francis Cooke, 11	Henry Samson, 8	William White, 5	
John Tilley, 11	Isaac Allerton, 7	John Billington, 3	

Minutes of the October 23, 2021, General Membership Meeting: The minutes of the October 23 General Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by William Lane and seconded by John Towle.

Treasurer’s Report: Governor Greg Thompson presented the Treasurer’s Report for Treasurer David Grant. As of today’s date, the Wells Fargo Operating Account Balance stands at \$55,873.93 and the William Murray Savings Fund equals \$4705.53. The Scholarship Fund has a face plus actual value of \$255,181.53 and an actual value of \$256,191.46 with earnings of \$6,480 and is funded by proceeds from donations and our two annual raffles held at the general meetings of the CT Mayflower Society. The Life Member Fund has a face and actual value of \$233,949.45 and an actual value of \$233,949.45 with earnings of \$5,959.

Historian’s Report: Historian Midge Hurtuk read the names of new members. On a motion made by Clayton Winslow and seconded by Marjorie Supple, the new members report was accepted. New members present were recognized by the membership and had their picture taken with Midge and Governor Thompson.



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Connecticut Governor's Appreciation Awards: Governor Gregory Thompson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Nola Johannes for her long service to the Connecticut Mayflower Society in the areas of Archives, Programs, and Education as well as her past service as a Board Assistant and Corresponding Secretary. Thompson also presented anniversary certificates to Midge Hurtuk and Christopher Nichols in recognition of their memberships of 25 years and 15 years, respectively.

Meeting Recess: At 12:15 pm, Governor Thompson recessed the meeting while lunch was served to those in attendance. The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Raffle: As usual, the raffle at today's meeting was a great success and raised \$700 for the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Mary Brown for organizing the raffle.

Scholarship Awards: Aidan Brown, a senior at Norwalk High School, was awarded the Jordan A. Konov Scholarship and will attend University of Connecticut with a major in environmental and/or civil engineering. Anna Nichols, a senior at Woodland Regional High School, was awarded the Bernice Andrews Livingston Reig Scholarship and will attend the University of Delaware, majoring in business and marketing.

Scholarship Chair Mary Brown reminded those present that the CT Mayflower Society also accepts applications from eligible applicants who are pursuing graduate studies. She also encouraged members to donate to the scholarship fund. The CT Mayflower Society newsletter contains information on a pin available to contributors to the scholarship fund.

Presentation by Drew Shuptar-Rayvis: Governor Thompson introduced our speaker who earned a Bachelors in Anthropology/Sociology from Western Connecticut State University and holds a certificate in Archaeology from Norwalk Community College. He is a descendant of the Pocomoke Indian Nation of Maryland, being of Accomac (Across the Water People) and Pocomoke (Dark Water People) descent. Appearing in authentic dress, Drew's presentation focused on Indian Life in the Eastern Woodlands pre-contact to 1620 and later. A description of his clothes and body ornamentation highlighted the customs and daily life of these native people, their interaction with our pilgrim ancestors, the meaning of body ornamentation, and the rites of passage from childhood to adulthood.

Retirement of the Colors and Benediction: Captain William Lane retired the colors and Historian Midge Hurtuk provided the benediction.

Governor Thompson noted that the next meeting and luncheon will be held on October 29, 2022, at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford and adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Simmons, Recording Secretary