

Brandywine Crucible Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Lampasas, Texas
June 3, 2022

1. **Call to order and welcome:** The 24th annual membership meeting of Brandywine Crucible, Inc., was called to order by President and Chair Joe Cox at 2:05pm, 3 June 2022. A quorum was present.
2. **Reading of the Minutes:** Copies of the 2021 minutes were distributed to the members present. The members read the minutes on their own. Debbie Werner moved to accept the minutes as written and Janice Jenkins seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the members in attendance.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Was presented by Gary Sutton on behalf of Joeen Sutton, who agreed to take care of the books after Linda Atkins had to resign due to other obligations. As a result of this change the bank account was transferred from Oklahoma to Texas and is now at local bank (Commercial National Bank of Brady, TX). The current balance is \$4,471.41. This number will change as additions and subtractions from the reunion are completed. The Treasurer is now using Quickbooks to maintain the transactions. The account balance is down due to Covid. Joyce Roberson moved to accept the treasurer's report and Carolyn Williams seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
4. **Old Business:**

More Presentations concerning our family lineage: The format for the reunion will be; Saturday-one outside of family speaker and Sunday-two family speakers

Presentation dealing with the family's spiritual journey: The intent of this suggestion was to pursue where we started from (Quakers) and where the family is now. The original individual who took on this project discovered that the family was made up of so many different religious faiths that it truly wasn't possible to track. If anyone else would like to do research on this project they are welcome to.

Presentations dealing with document preservation & research techniques: President Joe Cox recommended **Dr. Monte Monroe** of (the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech) as the best candidate. Brandywine has formal agreements with UT **Austin's Center for American History** and the SW Collection at Texas Tech in Lubbock. We donate to both institutions and if our members have items or family history collections that they would like to preserve, we will donate to whichever institution the member chooses on their behalf. Both the member and Brandywine will be shown as the donors in order for future generations to search for the information. Some of the items are available on line. Brandywine also distributes books written about our family history and we have an adopted set of guidelines to accept those books.

Replace golf tournament with tours of local Cox historical places: There was not any identified interest this year in going out to the local cemeteries. Tours before/after the reunion are difficult due to the schedule of people who are working. It was suggested that Brandywine create a listing of locations in Texas (to include maps) of cemeteries, and other places of historical interest to the family so that people could visit throughout the year. Perhaps a listing of areas outside of Texas as well. It was also suggested that Brandywine develop tours within or outside of Texas to sponsor during the year.

5. Reports of Organizational Activities not covered Saturday Morning:

Publications and Archives: Chairman Gary Sutton. Requested biographies/autobiographies from members. The committee will be setting up guidelines for how to handle personal information shared on the databases. While we want family stories, we need to ensure that PPI (addresses, dates of birth, social security numbers, etc.) for living people are not available on public platforms.

Tours: Would like to send out a questionnaire via email to see if anyone is interested in taking tours throughout the year. Brandywine Crucible Inc., has sponsored tours in the past to the following locations:

- Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and Delaware – Twice
- Kentucky (Whitley & McCreary Counties, Harlan) – Once
- North Carolina (Greenville area-Snow Camp, New Bern) – Once
- Chillicothe, MO (Joseph Cox reunion) – once
- Oklahoma City (Land Rush Coxes, Cowboy Museum) – Once

Known sites that have not been visited:

- Ohio (Chillicothe & Ross Counties)
- Indiana (Jackson & Monroe Counties)
- Utah (Jehu Cox Reunion)

Nantucket Island (Captain Christopher Hussey, married to Theodote, daughter of early New England cleric Stephen Bachlor/Bachhelder, was one of thirteen original purchasers of Nantucket Island from the Native Americans.)

6. Open Discussion and Suggestions:

Discussion of Brandywine and its Origins: Due to the number of new people at the meeting President Joe Cox took a moment to explain the history of Brandywine Crucible Inc. The group first met in Lampasas, Texas as an informal family reunion. Founding member Arlee Gowan, who had compiled the Hussey Documents, had a list of 75-80 distant cousins. All together the group developed a list of around 200 and it was decided to go back to Solomon and Naomi Cox in order to cast a broad net of cousins. The group organized as a 501c so that the organization would exist long after the founders were gone. (Founding Members are/were.....) Arlee suggested the name Brandywine Crucible as the bulk of the family settled in the Delaware/Pennsylvania Brandywine Valley. The term crucible was added as the meaning of the word is an extreme test and the family was certainly “tested” as early pioneers. The symbol chosen was a Millers wheel as many in the family were Millers. The organization has two DNA projects, a website, store historical data with two different

Universities and provide general genealogical help to members. We are not in competition with other Cox reunions but rather advertise and support them. Our goal is to preserve, discover and disseminate Family history.

Zada Cox-discussed her family reunion in the Temple, Texas area and that the family is doing history on their direct line. Very excited to be here at Brandywine and looking forward to accessing the genealogical information here.

Nancy Borum's granddaughter suggested painting rocks and other activities for any children who might come to the reunion. Someone suggested witching rods at the cemetery.

7. Other Business:

Nomination Chair and Election of Board Members:

Brandywine Crucible Inc., has nine people on the Board of Directors each serving a three year term. (three people's term expires every year). This year the following individual's terms expire:

Marty Burnett
Janice Jenkins
Dave Turner

The following individual has asked to step down due to family obligations; there are still two years left in her term:

Debbie Brewer Cox

The following individuals have agreed to submit their names for nomination to the Board

Marty Burnett
Janice Jenkins
Steve Taylor
Nancy Borum (to complete the remaining 2 years for Debbie Brewer Cox)

Dottie Dunham made a motion to accept the nominations and approve them for Board Members. Connie Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm