

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas

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ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF GOVERNOR: Mike Nichols

It has been an honor to be your Governor these past two years. Thank you for your help and suggestions. All of you made a lot of things happen in the past two years. Y'all are awesome.

We were all saddened by the unexpected death of former Governor Denham. His smile was infectious. He loved the Mayflower Society.

Our officers and committee chairs continue to be a pleasure to work with. We have had quite a few members involved in things they had never done before and it has worked out nicely.

We tried a few new things and are continuing to improve the way we serve our members. I hope you find our annual meetings more interesting, as well as our email communications.

I think that our fall 'Governors Forum' has been one of our most successful undertakings. It has given a 'voice' to all of our leaders, colony and state, and we are implementing many of those fine ideas.

I am very pleased with our nominated slate of officers for the next two years. Judie and Prarie are working well together and I believe our best years are ahead of us.

Membership.

Our Co-Historians continue to set the standard for GSMD and we approved over 150 new members last year.

Our membership growth is accelerating. From 2008 thru 2014 our annual net increase in active members averaged 30 net new members a year. 2015 and 2016 averaged 43 and 2017 and 2018 averaged 52. At the end of 2018 we had 1,411 active members.

I believe this growth is being partially driven by the approach of 2020, but mostly driven from our ties with DAR. Our Texas Co-Historians are also very active in Texas DAR. Judie Allen

and Kimberly Florsheim recently ‘womaned’ a Texas Mayflower table at the Annual Texas DAR meeting and met with many DAR members who are interested in pursuing their Mayflower lines.

The Mayflower General Society web site has a ‘Patriot to Pilgrim’ project listing proven Patriots who descended from Mayflower passengers. The New England Historical and Genealogical Society now offers a database of the 5th generation of Mayflower descendants.

In Plymouth, all of the Mayflower Society applications and proof documents have been digitized and should be available next year through Family Search. NEHGS is indexing these applications and that index will also be available.

As all of these activities and projects come together, I believe we will be positioned for explosive growth.

Retaining Membership.

So, if we had so many new members in 2018, why did our net active membership only increase by 53?

Several of our active members passed away, some moved or transferred to another state society, but the vast majority resigned or were dropped for non-payment of dues.

About 10% of the drops were children/grandchildren of existing members whose memberships were ‘gifts’.

Most of the remainder lived in areas where we have colonies but were not colony members.

Clearly colony membership and activity is key to membership retention.

Finances.

The financial health of our Texas Society is strong, very strong. We are well past the point where we need to scrimp and save every penny. At the same time we need to continue to be good stewards of our resources.

We can afford to enhance the things we do for our members, especially for our 2020 Commemoration. We can and should use outside resources to improve our understanding of our Mayflower legacy, better enabling us to pass our knowledge to others.

As I talk to folks in other Societies and organizations it becomes clearer and clearer that we are edging closer to losing sight of our heritage. An accurate knowledge of our history is one of the best ways to ensure we do not repeat the mistakes of the past. No one else is going to tell our story – it is up to us.

And a special thank you to my bride, Pat, for her love, help and support. None of this would be possible without her.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nichols

Governor

REPORT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR: Dwight Benson

As Deputy Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas. I respectfully submit this Annual Report for 2018.

The Deputy Governor fulfilled the Duties outlined in the Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules. The primary responsibilities include:

1. Acting as required in any capacity asked by the Governor
2. Notifying appropriate Officers of the Society of changes in the status or death of members as appropriate.
3. Standing ready to fill in or act in the Governor's capacity if required.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight C. Benson

Deputy Governor

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Michael Byrne

The Texas Society ended the calendar year with a membership of 1414 individuals. The breakdown plus and minus is as follows:

- 153 new members
- 5 transfers in
- 9 reinstatements
- 17 deceased
- 70 dropped (non-payment of dues)
- 13 transfers out
- 6 resignations

Net gain/loss: +78 additional members over previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael B. Byrne
Corresponding Secretary
TX/SOMD

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Judie Allen

My many thanks to our readers, Barbara Warnock, Dennis Alden and Laurie Behn who helped with the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. My thanks also to the officers and committee chairs who sent their reports in a timely manner. It made my job so easy. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Charles Prince

The requests made last year by the Audit, Endowment and Finance Committees have been implemented, with the exception of moving Vanguard investments into Certificates of Deposit, which was not done due complexity of execution, and it was determined the funds could be moved into a money market account, achieving the same desired results. The request to have an outside audit of the books, which was not achieved due to not finding a low cost audit source.

As of February 28, 2019, the Texas Society had \$20,386 in our Amegy Bank account, \$5,400 on deposit. Investments ended the year accordingly:

	Balance Sheet	Vanguard	Difference
Life Funds	\$187,110	\$186,360	\$ 750
Mayflower Fund	<u>\$478,180</u>	<u>\$463,017</u>	<u>\$15,163</u>
Sub Total Investments	\$665,290	\$649,377	\$15,913
Bank/Deposit	<u>\$ 25,786</u>	<u>\$ 25,786</u>	
Total Funds	\$691,076	\$675,163	\$15,913

The differences are a result of fund transfers that were made **AFTER** the 28th of February in Vanguard to account for our normal practices of putting the funds in their proper bucket at year end. These transfers, while most appropriate, were not able to be made within the time frame, and therefore cause the Balance Sheet to look different from the Vanguard Balances, according to our on line access, based on what was in the individual accounts on the 28th of February. The \$750 for the last minute Life Membership was moved into the Life Member Funds, and the \$15,163 was for Education expenses.

Total income for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was \$83,186, compared to the budget of \$80,665. Total expenses were \$70,267 compared to the budget of \$79,816. We had a surplus of \$12,070 for the fiscal year.

Membership expenses were \$42,068, compared to the budget of \$42,691. Our Operational expenses were \$9,036, compared to the budget of \$16,930. Our Education, Library and Scholarship expenses were \$19,163 compared to the budget of \$20,020.

Historian expenses were \$3,030 compared to \$3,840 budgeted. The Historians continued to receive all new Mayflower Silver Books as they are made available throughout the year.

Treasurer expenses were \$1,933 compared to \$6,000 budgeted. The significant portion of Treasurer Expenses were for the approved purchase of a new computer for the next Treasurer, which came in well under the original budget. Membership renewal expenses were \$1,147 compared to the budget of \$1,781.

This was the fourth-year members were able to pay their annual dues on-line using a credit card. I am pleased that 221 members paid their 2019 dues using this method.

The dues campaign went well. A record fifteen members purchased Life Memberships.

Seven of our eight Colonies asked for reimbursement for Educational expenses for a total of \$3,154 of the \$4,000 budgeted.

The Library Committee spent \$3,370 compared to \$7,380 budgeted, even with a dedicated campaign by Chairperson, Betty Prince to expand the program to more libraries.

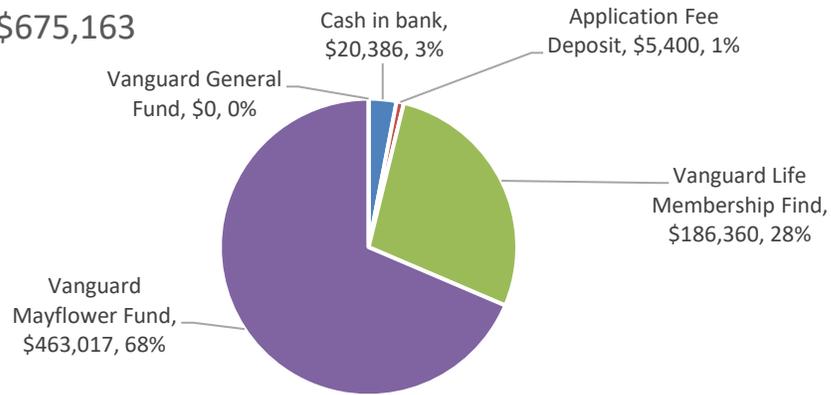
After receiving the requested financial information from the Colonies, I prepared and filed IRS Form 990 with the IRS for the Texas Society and all of the Colonies, with tremendous support from our former Treasurer, and current Governor, Mike Nichols. The State will be filing IRS returns for the State as well as the colonies for 2018-2019.

The books were examined by the Audit Committee on March 13, 2019.

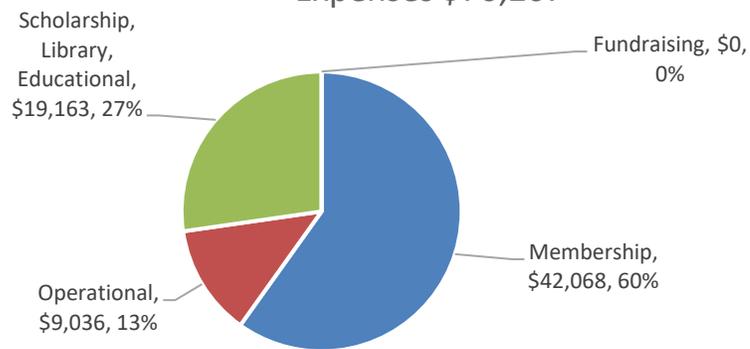
Respectfully submitted,

Charles Prince
Treasurer

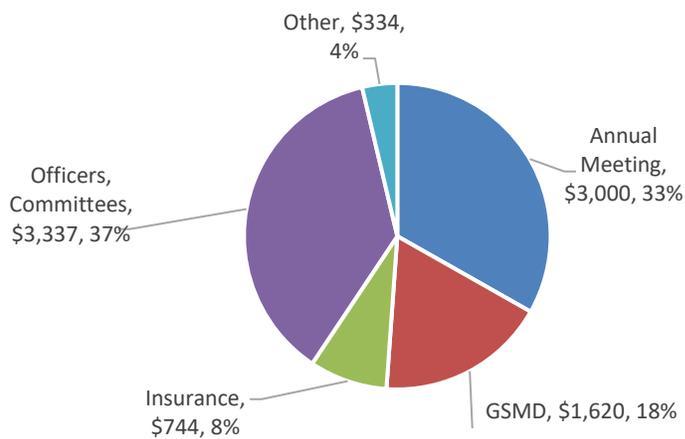
Assets, \$675,163

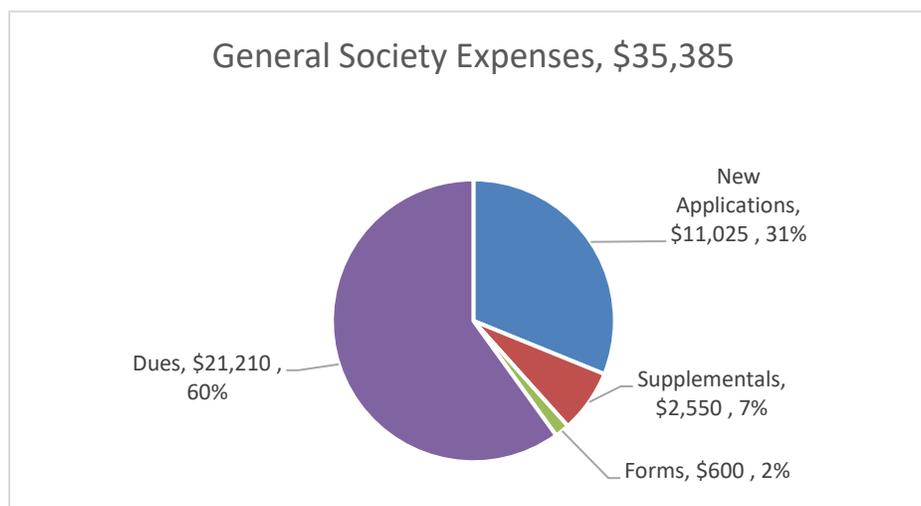
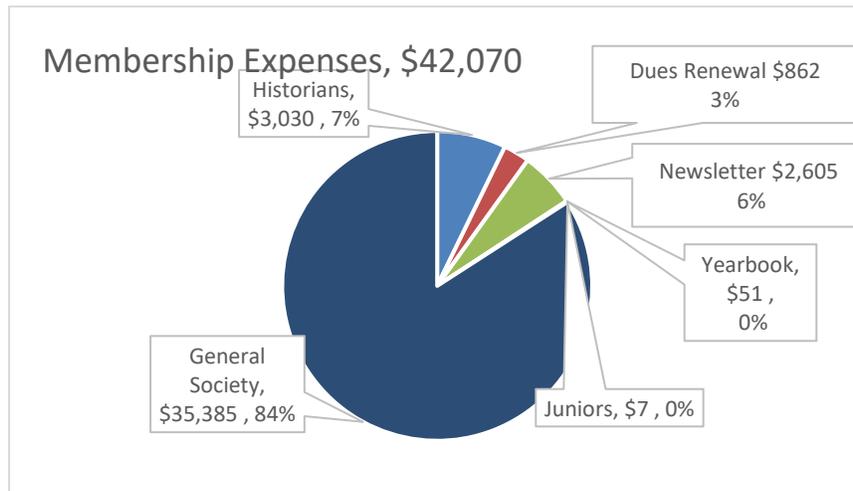


Expenses \$70,267



Operational Expenses





REPORT OF CO HISTORIANS:

2018 has been an extremely busy year for the historians. For the calendar year 2018, we had 151 new members approved and 41 supplemental applications approved. These numbers include 47 new member applications and 10 supplementals that were mailed to Plymouth in 2017. In 2018, we mailed 137 new member applications and 36 supplemental applications to Plymouth for verification. We ended the year with 33 new member applications and 5 supplemental applications pending in Plymouth.

For those who like statistics – the breakdown on ancestors is as follows: John Alden (18), Isaac Allerton (2), John Billington (2), William Bradford (14), William Brewster (25), Peter Brown (3), James Chilton (10), Mary Chilton (3), John Cooke (14), Francis Cooke (12), Edward Doty (6), Edward Fuller (6), Mrs. Fuller (1), S Fuller (1), Constance Hopkins (2), John Howland (15),

Degory Priest (2), Elizabeth Tilley (1), George Soule (3), Henry Samson (2), Joan Tilly (1), John Tilley (2), , Myles Standish (1), Peregrine White (1), Priscilla (Mullins) Alden (2), Richard Warren (22), Samuel Fuller (1), Stephen Hopkins (15), Thomas Rogers (5), William Mullins (2), and William White (5).

It was a challenging year for the historians. The 2020 anniversary has sparked additional interest in joining the society. Approval wait times are still at about three months. The preparation of applications requires significant time for the historians due to documentation and citation enhancements from the Historian General. This process requires that every piece of evidence on prior applications be reviewed and cited according to the guidelines.

The historians worked with the archivist to combine together the files of for all of the approved applications and supporting documents into a shared Dropbox folder. These also have the Word versions of the applications to facilitate preparations for other family members' applications and supplemental applications. This has sped up preparation time for supplementals and additional family member applications. We encourage all members to invite their family members to join!

Elizabeth Heise, Co-Historian

Kimberly Florshiem, Co-Historian

DeNell Estes, Co-Historian

Judy Ditmore, Assistant Historian

REPORT OF ELDER: Bart Henson

#	TEXAS #	Name	Passed on	Residence city	Ancestor(s)	Member Since	Colony	Age
1	TX 1278	Marcia A Hastings	Nov. 28, 2017	Council Bluffs Iowa	John Billington	1984		72
2	TX 1171	Betty Alden White	Jan. 2018	Bozeman Montana	Myles Standish	1979	San Antonio	97
3	TX 1603	Carolyn Diane Robertson Ohl	March 6, 2018	Dallas, Texas	John Alden	1991		87
4	TX 2231	Mary Lucile James McKellar	April 27, 2018	Dallas, Texas	William Brewster	2003	DFW	92
5	TX 2977	Virginia Grace Kenny Niemi	May 9, 2018	Prosper, Texas	Miles Standish	2013	DFW	
6	TX 1985	Howard Ross Hager	May 12, 2018	Kerrville, Texas	William Bradford	1998		88
7	TX 2570	Dorothy Clark Hopkins	May 30, 2018	San Antonio, Texas	Thomas Rogers		San Antonio	
8	TX 1709	Martha Hersey	June 19, 2018	Corpus Christi,	William Brewster	1992	Corpus Christi	100

		Simmons		Texas				
9	TX 2285	Leah Shawver Davis	July 19, 2018	Conroe, Texas	William White	2003	Houston	78
10	TX 2647	Geoffrey Ransom King	Sept. 5, 2018	Bedford, Texas	William Mullins	2008	DFW	72
11	TX 2216	Nettie Dierlam Avary Williams	Oct. 24, 2018	San Antonio, Texas	William Brewster	2002	San Antonio	87
12	TX 3318	Patsy Jean Briggs McGill	Nov. 13, 2018	Houston, Texas	William White	2016		87
13	TX 1431	Mary Ann Boyd Vivion	Dec. 21, 2018	Victoria, Texas	Degory Priest	1998		90
14	TX 1248	Robert Lauderdale Seay	Dec. 23, 2018	Dallas, Texas	Francis Cooke	1983	Corpus Christi	72
15	TX 2823	Carl Richard "Rick" Denham	Jan. 1, 2019	Midland, Texas	Stephen Hopkins, William Brewster, Richard Warren, Isaac Allerton	2011	West Texas	70
16	TX 1457	Michael Roger Anderson	NA	Fort Worth TX	Edward Doty	1990		66

REPORT OF SURGEON: Dr. John Wilcox No report.

REPORT OF CAPTAIN: John McWilliams IV No report.

REPORT OF COUNSELOR: Lisa Pennington Reported. Nothing to report.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL: Mike Nichols

The 2018 General Board of Assistants meeting was held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois on September 7-8. Texas was represented by Mike Nichols (Deputy Governor General and GSMD Finance Committee), Judie Allen (Assistant General and GSMD Women of the Mayflower Committee), Lisa Pennington (GSMD Executive Committee Member at Large), Pat Nichols (Texas Society Bylaws Chair), Linda Hill, Kerry Hill, Nancy Powers, Cathy Bambenek (GSMD Mayflower Guard) and James Battles (GSMD Mayflower Guard)

On Friday, September 7, an open forum was held for member societies Governors and Treasurers. Various scholarship, social media and life member programs were discussed. The Treasurer General, who is a CPA, made an interesting presentation on good financial practices. The afternoon was a "Governor General's Forum" was held focusing on Membership Growth Initiative, Member Society Suggestions, Member Society Best Practices, our new IMIS Membership System and Fundraising for the Meetinghouse.

The actual General Board of Assistants meeting was on Saturday, September 8. A request to charter a new member society in Europe was approved, providing they meet the requirement of 20 current members residing in Europe who are in good standing with their respective societies. The draft DNA Policy was also presented. Reports, reports, and more reports. Where would we be without reports!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nichols
Deputy Governor General

REPORT OF ASSISTANT GENERAL: Judie Allen

Attending the BOA Meeting at St. Charles, Illinois in September of 2018 was exceptionally enjoyable because so many of our Texas representatives were in attendance. The issues involving the water leakage at the House, National Pilgrim House, verification wows and woes were just among a few of the challenges that face the society daily. Good news is the issues are recognized and effort to address each by the executive committee was evident. To add to the excitement were the 2020 plans of societies all over the nation. It is a fascinating time and future years should show increased interest and enthusiasm for our Mayflower ancestors. It has been an honor to represent and serve the members of the Texas Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Allen
Assistant General for Texas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE: Bart Henson

Fiscal Year Mar. 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

On March 13, 2019, I visited with Charles Prince, Treasurer, to review the books for the fiscal year 2018-2019. We spent about 3 hours on this audit with full cooperation of the Treasurer.

According to the spot checks I was able to accomplish, the stated records and statements presented for 2018-2019 represent an accurate record of transactions of the Texas Society for the fiscal year. Spot checks included large checks disbursed to any party and significant expenses paid to the treasurer during the year. Further, the balance sheet totals tied to the bank statements from Amegy Bank and to the investment statements from Vanguard Investments, the two financial institutions where we maintain assets. I reviewed the semi-annual reports from GSMD confirming the application fee balance held by the General Society for us.

Records are kept in QuickBooks accounting software and are maintained in the cloud so as to be accessible to both the Treasurer and to others who have designated access such as Governor Mike Nichols, the former treasurer, who has acted as a coach to the current treasurer. Receipts and other bases are scanned into the records for backup records. There is ample evidence that the records have been handled carefully and entered with precision, with backup records retained.

Several matters were looked at especially such as:

- a. Accounts were adjusted after the official 2/28/2019 close. These adjustments included the addition of a life member check i/a/o \$750 and a movement of funds within the Vanguard investments from the Mayflower fund to the General Fund i/a/o \$15,163.27. This internal movement of funds was to prepare for reimbursement of the checking account for 2018 education expenses and some accrual for payment of 2019 scholarships granted but not as yet paid (\$4,640). In this regard, the QuickBooks financial statements differ slightly from the Vanguard records as of 2/28/2019. But all moneys are accounted for.
- b. I checked and confirmed backup records and receipts for large disbursements and expenses incurred by the Treasurer.
- c. Texas SOMD has a number of credit cards issued in the name of the Society. Each is limited to a credit limit of \$500 and a check of expense categories charged to the Visa cards seems reasonable. Most of these charges are postage, copying and supplies incurred by the Co-Historians and the Treasurer. The Treasurer stated that he had recovered two cards during the year for people who are no longer officers.
- d. I checked Bank and credit card accounts month-to-month and to the year-end amounts and all checked accurately.

Recommendations are:

1. Add a footnote to our financial statements for the fiscal year to reflect the transactions in early March 2019 that result in the discrepancies noted in the detail matters note a. above. In future years, it would be best if any needed balancing transactions could be made earlier in February so that the Quickbooks records at the end of the fiscal year agree with the end-February Vanguard and Bank of America records.
2. Change the main address for the Visa credit card account to the new Treasurer, when installed. They are currently addressed to Mike Nichols, former treasurer.
3. Ask the Treasurer to produce a side-by-side balance sheet for the end of the previous and current periods for review by the auditor and the finance committee at the end of the fiscal year to aid quick comparisons. (Such a report is easily available in QuickBooks.)

4. Improve the transparency of the funds provided to and used by Plymouth to cover future application fees by copying the semi-annual GSMD application fund reports for Texas to the Co-Historians and Audit head. I had to dig to find how these funds were handled (shown as i/a/o \$5,400 as of 2/28/2019).

5. It seems to me that the financial record-keeping and Treasurer's work now exceeds what is reasonable to expect from a volunteer Treasurer. As such, I recommend that the Finance Committee and the Board of Assistants look at options such as providing an Assistant Treasurer or Co-Treasurer to enable both separation of duties and a workable volunteer Treasurer job. Other ways might include an Assistant Treasurer responsible for dues collection, deposits and monthly reviewing of the bank and Vanguard accounts.

6. It seems that the amount of time and complexity of transactions/analysis required to show the split of dividends and change in value of our investments from month to month is excessive relative to the value of this analysis. I suggest the Treasurer and Endowment committee consider this matter to see if a simpler method might accomplish the goal of investment change analysis on an annual basis.

7. As our assets are now almost worth \$700,000, I continue to believe that we should do an occasional external audit (every 3-5 years), as was recommended last year, despite the likely cost of \$3,000. This would help protect the Society and those handling the Society's money.

Respectfully for the Audit Committee

Bart Henson
March 23, 2019

REPORT OF AWARDS: Jacqie Perabo

On February 10, 2019 an email was sent out to the Board of Administrators asking for nominations for the TXSOMD Annual Award for Long and Distinguished Service.

Seven nominations were received. Five of which were nominating Pat Nichols.

The 2019 recipient of the Award for Long & Distinguished Service to the State Society has served in many capacities:

State Corresponding Secretary, Membership Committee Chair, Publications Chair, Newsletter Editor, Junior Chairman, Yearbook Committee, Nomination Chair, Nomination Committee, Bylaws Committee Chair. She has also represented the State Society as : Acting Assistant General & Congress Delegate

She has served the Central Texas Colony as: Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

She has worked for many years to advance the Society from behind the scenes. She attends all of the National meetings and has given aid and support to all the other members.

It is my pleasure as Awards Committee Chair to present the award for long & distinguished service to the state society to Patricia Nichols. Congratulations, Pat! Thank you for your service and dedication to the Texas Society!

REPORT OF BY-LAWS: Pat Nichols

No bylaws amendments were presented to the Committee for consideration at the 2019 Annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Nichols,
Bylaws Chairman

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Carol Burnaman

CENTRAL COLONY - Dr. Betty Prince – Education Chair

The Central Texas Colony Education Committee continued the project begun in 2017 of assembling and donating Minikits to Central Texas Libraries. In 2017, nine Minikits were donated to local libraries and in 2018 another nine Minikits were donated. This brings the total number of Central Texas libraries supplied with this Pilgrim Educational Material to 18. These Minikits contained: A children and a family Thanksgiving DVD along with a copy of the Mayflower Compact and an explanation of the historical importance of this governing document. Many letters expressing enthusiasm and thanks for the material in the Minikits have been received. In addition, several books were added to the collection of Pilgrim Era books available for colony members to read to children in programs at local libraries and schools. The actual reading program is still being organized. An education Committee newsletter has been initiated to Central Texas Colony members and other TX SOMD members living in the Central Texas area informing them of various SOMD and local activities of interest to our members along with educational items.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLONY - Judie Allen – Education Chair

This year the Corpus Christi Colony's Education Committee provided Mayflower books for the children's sections at libraries that were hurt by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Many of these libraries have just now rebuilt or have made repairs. The books, placed in the Calhoun County Public Library (servicing Port Lavaca, Port O'Connor and Seadrift) and the Aransas County

Public Library (servicing Rockport and surrounding areas) were selected from GSMD and the Plymouth Plantation Museum products. They were selected to meet a variety of reading levels.

As well as the book contributions to libraries, presentations were made at several schools in our area. Books and coloring books were given to Northside Day School in Victoria, Texas. This school and church also experienced losses due to Hurricane Harvey.

DALLAS / FORT WORTH COLONY - Education Co-Chairs – Susie Ashbaugh and Carol Burnaman

The D/FW colony's education efforts were devoted to in-costume presentations in seven elementary schools and also at a civic group. We spent our \$500 budget on historically accurate Pilgrim-theme books for the schools.

Our biggest enhancement this year was the addition of veteran teacher and new SOMD member, Cathy Bambenek. Cathy taught Honors Chemistry for 37 years and brings to D/FW's Mayflower Education a new energy and great ideas. Cathy wrote a Hamilton-inspired Pilgrim rap song with a power point to go along with it. She also adapted a Readers Theater which features 8 student-Pilgrims with rudimentary costumes. Cathy and Susie Ashbaugh teamed up and gave two-part presentations in the schools. Susie tells the basic history of the Pilgrims' coming to the New World.

Velda Reed continued to speak to elementary students this year in Ft. Worth. She dresses in costume, gives a short presentation, and lets the students play with Pilgrim toys. She has done this faithfully for about 10 years, but this may be her last year.

The total number of students reached this year was 704 in Dallas and 220 in Fort Worth. In addition, 140 adults attended presentations at a Retirement village and at the McKinney Newcomers Club.

HOUSTON COLONY - Sandra Sauers – Education Chair

We placed 4 Mini Museum Boxes into 4 elementary schools. A fifth box is now completed. One box will be loaned to Fiest Elementary School for their library to loan out to various teachers throughout the school year. Fiest Elementary's Gifted students have been working with the contents and the lesson plans and have expressed a great interest in learning about the Pilgrims.

We are also preparing new larger tri-folds showing a display about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims. Sheryl Schilling is working on the tri-folds and they will be displayed in schools throughout the greater Houston area and surrounding cities. At this time she is working on 10 displays. This will be in preparation for 2020.

SAN ANTONIO COLONY - Barbara Warnock – Governor

Many books were donated in 2018. "Strangers and Pilgrims – Travelers and Sojourners" was donated to the Texana/Genealogy Room of the San Antonio Central Library. "Strangers and Pilgrims – Travelers and Sojourners" and the "Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee Edition" were donated to the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.

"Mighty Mastiff", "Adventures of Myles Standish", "Sheep on a Ship", "Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower", "Sarah Morton's Day", "Samuel Eaton's Day" and "Tapenum's Day" were donated to Bulverde Creek Elementary School, along with a Teacher's Aid Package.

"Thanksgiving" and "Mary of the Mayflower" were donated to Johnson High School, along with a Teacher's Aid Package.

In December 2018, The San Antonio Public Library Texan/Genealogy Department worked with San Antonio Colony to produce a flyer and finalize arrangements for a film screening of the movie, THE PILGRIM (2015) on February 23, 2019. This explores the forces, circumstances, personalities and events that converged to exile the English group in Holland and eventually propel their crossing to the New World.

WACO COLONY - Dottie Tate – Governor

May 5, 2018

At our Waco Colony meeting we awarded a \$500 Scholarship to Midway High School Senior Julia Ruth Scott, one of our Junior Mayflower members.

October 19, 2018

Our Colony Governor Dottie Tate dressed in Pilgrim attire and set up a display of Mayflower information and items at the "Annual Genealogy Lock-In" at the Waco Library and Genealogy Center. She had a program "Searching for Ancestors in the Mayflower Silver Books" promoting the Mayflower Silver books collection at the library and their excellence in researching the Mayflower lineage of prospective members. She also had information on the new "Patriot to Passenger Project" and looked up names for NSDAR and SAR members. Another Colony member working at the event was Norma Cannata who is our library Chairman and volunteers weekly at the Waco Library.

November 3, 2018

At our Compact Luncheon our Education Committee met and decided to order books from Plimoth Plantation to be distributed by members to various libraries or schools. We ordered 3 different books for each member and got 3 additional books to gift to our next 3 speakers. The books were suggested by Junior Chairman Peggy Marsh for the younger children and one was selected for the older readers. We spent a total of \$499.59 which was reimbursed to Waco Colony by Texas Mayflower Society.

November 20, 2018

Waco Colony Governor Dottie Tate and Deputy Governor Barbara Lewandowski were dressed in Pilgrim costumes and were guest speakers on local Channel 25 “Central Texas Living” program hosted by past Colony Governor Ann Harder. We spoke on the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving and gave information on joining GSOMD.

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND: Michael Nichols

Duties of the Endowment committee come from our bylaws and standing rules to:

- Supervise the Endowment assets of the Texas Mayflower Society, investing for the long term while recognizing the needs for safety of principal, annual payments required and prevention of loss of value through inflation, annually reporting to the Board of Assistants.
- Oversee the Society gifting program
- Recommend the amount to be made available to support the Educational and Historical activities of the Texas Society.

The Endowment Committee met on March 16, 2016 at the home of the Treasurer Charles Prince.

The Endowment Recommendations to the Board of Assistants last year had been followed/implemented with the exception of Investing in Federal Money Market funds instead of CDs (which were not available to us through Vanguard). The yield on Federal Money Market funds was equivalent to the yield on CDs, and the full amounts designated to CDs was invested in Federal Money Market Funds.

Our investments had a 12% gain during the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Our Life Member Fund had a gain of 19.4%, and our Mayflower Fund had a gain of 11.25%.

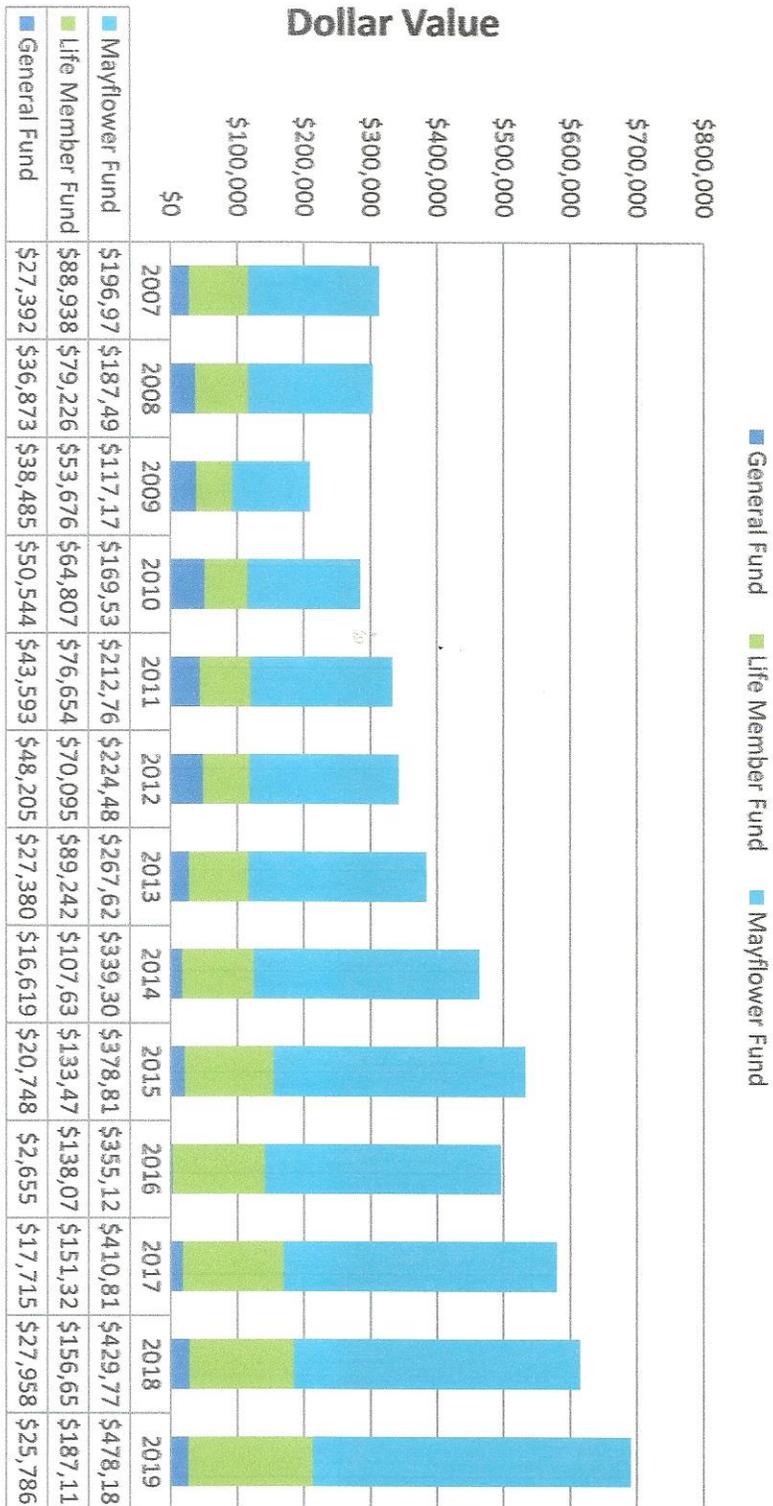
Recommendations to the Board of Assistants:

1. Move the 2018-2019 operating surplus of \$12,919.80 to the Balance Sheet 2020 Reserve account in Quickbooks to help fund our 2020 Commemoration activities.
2. Invest the amount of the Balance Sheet 2020 Reserve account in our Vanguard General Fund Federal Money Market Fund to earn some interest.
3. Continue to allocate 4% of our Mayflower Fund to pay for our Education, Library, and Scholarship Charitable activities. For the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year this amounts to \$19,127.20. If this is not adequate to pay our Education, Library and Scholarship expenses, transfer funds from the 2020 Reserve to make up the difference.
4. The Life Membership Fund appears healthy at this time with 6 new Life Members each year and a 3.5% earnings rate.
5. Calculating the market gain/loss on our investments need only be done at fiscal year end.
6. Arrange for an external Audit every 3 years starting in 2021. The 2020-2021 fiscal year would be the first year audited.
7. Change the name of the 'Audit Committee' to the 'Financial Review' committee. This would require a Bylaws change.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nichols

Texas Mayflower Investment Value (As of end Feb. of each Year)



SOMD Texas – Endowment Committee Report – March 2019

Distribution of Assets

	Cash	%	Bond	%	REIT	%	Equity	%	Total	%
General Fund	\$27,131	100%		0%		0%		0%	\$27,131	4%
Life Member Fund	\$13,779	7%	\$39,546	21%	\$61,984	33%	\$71,051	38%	\$186,360	28%
Mayflower Fund	\$0	0%	\$70,106	15%	\$68,511	15%	\$324,400	70%	\$463,017	68%
Total	\$40,910	6%	\$109,651	16%	\$130,495	19%	\$395,451	58%	\$676,508	100%

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Texas Mayflower Society - Life Membership Analysis												
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
Number of Life Member Dues to pay	338	338	338	338	336	332	328	323	316	310		
New Life Members/year	4.0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Total new Life Members	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40		
Total Life Members to pay	342	342	346	350	352	352	352	351	348	346		
Annual Dues Amount	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30		
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,260	10,260	10,380	10,500	10,560	10,560	10,560	10,530	10,440	10,380		
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	185,581	184,817	183,905	182,842	181,681	180,480	179,237	177,980	176,770		
Fund Earnings Rate %	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%		
Fund Earnings \$	6,521	6,495	6,469	6,437	6,399	6,359	6,317	6,273	6,229	6,187		
Fund Growth rate %	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%		
Fund Growth \$	7,453	7,423	7,393	7,356	7,314	7,267	7,219	7,169	7,119	7,071		
New Life Members Fee	\$750	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		
With Fund Growth	3.50%											
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	185,581	184,817	183,905	182,842	181,681	180,480	179,237	177,980	176,770		
Additional Funds	9,521	9,495	9,469	9,437	9,399	9,359	9,317	9,273	9,229	9,187		
Funds Available to Pay Life Member Dues	195,841	195,077	194,285	193,342	192,241	191,040	189,797	188,510	187,210	185,957		
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,260	10,260	10,380	10,500	10,560	10,560	10,560	10,530	10,440	10,380		
Fund Balance End of Year	185,581	184,817	183,905	182,842	181,681	180,480	179,237	177,980	176,770	175,577		
With Fund Growth	4.00%											
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	186,513	186,713	186,802	186,774	186,685	186,592	186,496	186,426	186,443		
Additional Funds	10,453	10,461	10,469	10,472	10,471	10,467	10,464	10,460	10,457	10,458		
Funds Available to Pay Life Member Dues	196,773	196,973	197,182	197,274	197,245	197,152	197,056	196,956	196,883	196,901		
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,260	10,260	10,380	10,500	10,560	10,560	10,560	10,530	10,440	10,380		
Fund Balance End of Year	185,513	185,713	185,802	185,774	185,685	185,592	185,496	185,426	185,443	185,521		
Number of Life Member Dues to pay	0	338	338	338	336	332	328	323	316	310		
New Life Members/year	6.0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6		
Total new Life Members	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60		

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Total Life Members to pay		344.0	344	350	356	360	362	364	365	364	364
Annual Dues Amount	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,320	10,320	10,500	10,660	10,800	10,860	10,920	10,920	10,950	10,920	10,920
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	186,320	187,021	187,747	188,318	188,729	189,035	189,291	189,496	189,679	189,897
Fund Earnings Rate %	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Fund Earnings \$	6,521	6,546	6,571	6,591	6,606	6,616	6,625	6,632	6,639	6,646	6,646
Fund Growth rate %	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Fund Growth \$	7,453	7,481	7,510	7,533	7,549	7,561	7,572	7,580	7,587	7,596	7,596
New Life Members Fee	\$750	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
With Fund Growth	3.50%										
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	187,021	187,747	188,318	188,729	189,035	189,291	189,496	189,679	189,897	189,897
Additional Funds	11,021	11,046	11,071	11,091	11,106	11,116	11,125	11,132	11,139	11,146	11,146
Funds Available to Pay Life Member Dues	197,341	198,067	198,818	199,409	199,835	200,151	200,416	200,629	200,817	201,044	201,044
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,260	10,260	10,380	10,500	10,560	10,560	10,560	10,530	10,440	10,380	10,380
Fund Balance End of Year	187,021	187,747	188,318	188,729	189,035	189,291	189,496	189,679	189,897	190,124	
With Fund Growth	4.00%										
Fund Balance at Start of Year	186,320	187,953	189,651	191,237	192,707	194,115	195,519	196,920	198,347	199,861	199,861
Additional Funds	11,953	12,018	12,086	12,149	12,208	12,265	12,321	12,377	12,434	12,494	12,494
Funds Available to Pay Life Member Dues	198,273	199,971	201,737	203,387	204,915	206,379	207,840	209,297	210,781	212,355	212,355
Amount of Life Member Dues to pay	10,260	10,260	10,380	10,500	10,560	10,560	10,560	10,530	10,440	10,380	10,380
Fund Balance End of Year	187,953	189,651	191,237	192,707	194,115	195,519	196,920	198,347	199,861	201,435	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE: Charles Prince

The Finance Committee met on March 16 to review the finances of the Society and to prepare a recommended budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Some highlights of the proposed budget include the following, while the detailed proposed budget follows as an attachment in full, including final numbers for 2018-2019 for comparison.

Budgeted Membership revenue for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is \$68,205. Other income and interest is budgeted at \$0. Scholarships and Education revenue is budgeted at \$23,381. Total budgeted revenue is \$91,586.

Budgeted Membership expenses are \$57,232(63% of total expenses). Operational expenses are budgeted at \$12,930 (14% of total expenses). Scholarships and Education expenses are budgeted at \$21,240 (23% of total expenses).

The Finance Committee recommends that:

- It was agreed that the total Scholarships remain at the temporary amount approved for 2018 at \$8,640, with the first place winner receiving \$5,000, second place winner receiving \$2020, and a third place winner receiving \$1,620.
- In order to support transparency, a non-Treasurer should verify Bank accounts, including the checking as well as the credit card account. This recommendation came from Mike Nichols through interaction with the General Society, and the Treasurer General, and recommendations from the General Society.
- As (soon to be) Ex-Governor, Mike Nichols would be authorized to continue to support the Treasurer and the Texas Society as a “Technical Coordinator”. This would put him in an official capacity to have access to all records and would satisfy our insurance company under our Officers Insurance Policy.

It should be reminded that a number of recommendations will be presented on the Endowment Committee Report from Mike Nichols, and from the Audit Committee Report from Bart Henson.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Prince, Chairman

Finance Committee

Bart Henson

Michael Byrne

Prarie Counce

Judie Allen

Zack Wannarka

Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants
Operations Report for 2013-18 and Proposed
Budget for 2018-19

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	BudgetQtr	Cost
Revenue								
1 Membership Income								
2 Annual Dues	22,425	28,401	30,431	31,149	34,003	34,820	1,104	30.00
3 Membership Dues	7,725	8,540	9,540	9,950	10,230	10,410	347	30.00
4 Life Member Fees from Life Member Fund								
5 Total Annual Dues	30,150	39,031	39,971	41,109	44,833	45,330		
6 Membership Fees								
7 Jr. Member Applications	256	690	375	525	585	750	60	15.00
8 Junior to Adult Fees	0	855	735	210	345	0	0	105.00
9 Life Member Fees	7,900	8,875	3,000	8,250	11,250	9,000	12	750.00
10 Transfer Life Fees to Life Member Fund	-7,500	(8,376)	(3,000)	(6,250)	-11,250	(9,000)	12	-750.00
11 New Member Application Fees	12,360	10,320	10,600	15,350	17,940	20,400	170	120.00
12 Reinstatement Fees	50	290	290	308	0	0	0	90.00
13 Supplemental Fees	2,400	2,400	3,000	3,240	4,320	6,000	60	120.00
14 Transfer Fees	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
17 Total Membership Fees	16,106	14,865	15,200	19,636	23,190	27,150		
18 Total Membership Income	46,256	63,896	65,171	80,744	98,023	72,480		
19								
20 Other Income and Interest								
21 Certificate of Deposit Earnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
22 Contributions to Mayflower Fund	785	385	385	0	0	0	0	1.00
23 Transfer Contri. to Mayflower Fund	-785	(385)	(385)	0	0	0	0	1.00
24 2020 Fund Contributions								
25 2020 Fund Xfer to Vanguard				5,877	1,016	5,600		
26 Contribution to 2020 Fund - Other				(5,877)	-1,216	(5,600)		
27 Total Contribution to 2020 Fund					200			
36 GSSCMD First Parish Church								
38 First Parish Contri Received					10,000	0		
39 First Parish Contri to GSSCMD					-10,000	0		
40 Total GSSCMD First Parish Church					0	0		
41								
42 Total Merchandise Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
43 Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
44 Total Other Income and Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
45								
46 Scholarships and Education								
47 Mayflower Endowment Fund	8,500	10,000	8,638	11,202	15,163	22,090		
48 Trsf from reserve	8,500	10,000	8,638	11,202	15,163	1,226		
49 Total Scholarships and Education						23,276		
50								
51 Total Revenue	53,756	63,996	61,807	71,946	83,186	95,756		
Expenses								
1 2020 Fundraising Expenses								

Membership Breakdown	
Active Members	1,421
Life Members	341
Prob New Members	170
Prob New Life Members	6
Prob Dues	80
Members Pending Dues	1,164
Prob Supplemental Apps	50
Prob Junior Applications	45

Requested that links to past issues of the Texas Junior newsletters, Cousins, Texas Junior membership information and applications be posted on the Texas Society website. Governor Nichols attached many documents.

During a visit to the Alden House in Duxbury, Massachusetts, a terrific coloring book with correct clothing and accurate story-telling was for sale in the gift shop. Soon, several copies of "The Story of the Pilgrims" were ordered from Dover Publications which are now being mailed to the younger new Texas Junior members. Age-appropriate books are also sent to new Junior members, such as: "One Little, Two Little Three Little Pilgrims", "Don't Know Much about the Pilgrims", "Eating the Plates: A Pilgrim Book of Food and Manners", "The Illustrated Story of How Mayflower II was Built" by Stuart A. Upham, the Builder.

Newly added Texas Juniors receive a certificate and welcome letter, a biographical story of the descendant's Pilgrim, a word search or puzzle with a Pilgrim theme.

Since April 1, 2018, forty-two Junior members have been added. Dallas-Fort Worth added twenty out of the forty-two Juniors. Waco, Tyler, Central Texas and San Antonio Colonies added new members, as well as Houston Colony. San Antonio Colony Chairs, Norene Fiacco and Emily Gary, did an outstanding job to include Juniors. The Colony meets four times a year and the Juniors were their speakers at one of the meetings. A year ago, it was reported that forty-three Juniors were added. This committee will work harder to recruit Juniors.

Pilgrim historical stories, "Today in Our History ...," may be viewed at the Texas Society website. Below are some of the reprised stories that were emailed to our Texas Juniors, sponsors and to countless national Juniors:

Today in Our History - November 11, 1620

Texas Mayflower Juniors - Today in Our History - A 66-Day Adventure on the Atlantic

Happy Valentine's Day - The Story of Esther Howland - Mother of the American Valentine and descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Spring and fall publications of the Texas Junior newsletters, Cousins, continue to be emailed on April 5 and November 11. Sponsors and parents also receive the newsletters with the hope of generational dialogue will reinforce the stories of our ancestors. Governor Nichols added recent issues of Cousins, to the Texas Mayflower Society web site: www.texasmayflower.com, at the link: Cousins - Newsletters for Texas Juniors.

The Junior Chairman is acting as Project Advisor to Allison Sharer while she works toward accomplishing her Girl Scout Gold award. She entitled her project, "Remember the Mayflower" and accepts the responsibility of Texas Junior 2020 Chairman. She submitted her report to the TXSOMD, which also appears in the 2020 Committee Report:

“The issue my project will address is providing activity ideas specifically for youth members, ages 0 - 25, to be more involved in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants - Texas Mayflower Society so that the youth continue to engage with the organization in a meaningful way. I will create a website that will have a Wall of Gratitude that children of the US and of England can use to write things they are thankful for, a series of essays written by children about why the Mayflower Pilgrims are important, and a description of games and activities that Pilgrim children played.” Allison also reported that she has a vision of inclusion with the website, allowing direct involvement by state and national Mayflower Juniors as well as youth abroad. Her plans to share games and activities at festivals, libraries, classrooms and events in the community, will not only teach others the true Pilgrim story, but may also encourage others to investigate their own ancestry.

The Chairman contributed an article which was published in the Texas Mayflower Society Winter 2018 newsletter about sharing our legacies and comparing our legacies to planting seeds in a garden that we will never get to see. Also, in the newsletter, the Junior Chairman contributed an article about Texas scholarships as a notice of the deadline. Scholarship reminder emails were also sent to all Juniors, sponsors and parents.

The Texas Mayflower Juniors Committee is happy to add two new committee members,

Cathy Bambenek and Pat Studey are in the process of adding other enthusiastic supporters of Juniors. During the next year, the committee will work to encourage grandparent sponsors to involve their adult children in our Society, if they are not already involved. The unfortunate time will come when a grandparent can no longer involve the Junior, resulting in the possible loss of three generations.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Marsh
Texas Mayflower Juniors Chairman

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Betty Prince

There are currently 18 Silver Book collections sponsored by Texas SOMD at public libraries in Texas. These are in: Abilene, Amarillo, Arlington, Austin, Beaumont, Conroe, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Georgetown, Houston, Harlingen, Midland, Richmond, San Antonio, Tyler, West Waco, and Wichita Falls. The library in Georgetown was approved by the BOA for transfer from Central Colony to TXSOMD at the Spring 2018 meeting and was added in the 2018 Fiscal Year. The libraries in Abilene, Arlington, Conroe, Richmond and Wichita Falls were approved for addition by vote of the BOA in January of 2019 and all were added in the FY2018. Each of these new libraries already had some Silver Books and their collections were completed. The Tyrell library in Beaumont suffered significant water and mold damage from Hurricane Harvey and shipments are currently suspended until it reopens. This will, hopefully occur in 2019. The

possibility of adding the El Paso Public library to the sponsored list was investigated and it was decided that the El Paso Metropolitan area is already adequately supported by the Silver Book Collection at the library in Las Cruces New Mexico. The new Silver Book, Vol. 21 John Billington Part 3 2018, was shipped in December of 2018 to the libraries with sponsored Silver Book collections. Three (3) new Silver Books and two (2) substantial revisions of Silver Books are expected out in FY2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Prince, Librarian

Library Committee:

Kimberly Florsheim

Elizabeth Hesse

Peggy Durack

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Prarie Counce

The Nominating Committee submits the following list of names for offices to be filled at the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas 2019 Annual Meeting:

GOVERNOR: JUDIE ALLEN

DEPUTY GOVERNOR: PRARIE COUNCE

RECORDING SECRETARY: PEGGY MARSH

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: MICHAEL BYRNE

TREASURER: LINDA HILL

CO-HISTORIAN: ELIZABETH HEISE

CO-HISTORIAN: JUDY DITMORE

CO-HISTORIAN: KIM DENELL ESTES

ASSISTANT HISTORIAN: VACANT

ELDER: BART HENSON

CAPTAIN: JOHN MCWILLIAMS, IV

SURGEON: JOHN WILCOX, JR. M.D.

COUNSELOR: PAMELA NIETO

Nominating Committee Members:

Prarie Counce, Chairperson

Pat Nichols, Central Texas Colony

Nancy Parker, Corpus Christi Colony

Laurie Behn, Dallas/Fort Worth Colony

Charles Prince, Houston Colony

Joe Cox, San Antonio Colony
Carolyn McCall, Tyler Colony
Dottie Tate, Waco Colony
Rick Denham, West Texas Colony

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS: Sandra Sauers No Report

OTHER COMMITTEES

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Jean de Schweinitz

We have three winners for the 2019 State Scholarships! All three student applicants are outstanding, and the SOMD in the State of Texas is proud to claim them.

They are as follows:

1. Winner of the **FIRST** place, \$5000 scholarship, is Mr. Thomas Charles Felton of Waco Texas. He is the son of JoAn Elizabeth Taylor Felton, also of Waco. He will graduate from Waco High School. He belongs to the National Honor Society, The Rotary Challenge Team, Varsity Tennis Team, is co-President of the German Club and is a WISD Advanced Placement Scholar. His academic goal is to attend UT, Austin to major in History. He chose to write his essay on “The Hardships Endured in Establishing Plymouth Colony”.
2. Winner of the **SECOND** place, \$2020 scholarship, is Mr. Nicholas Louis Imhof, of Dallas Texas. He is the son of Heidi Imhof, also of Dallas. He will graduate from Highland Park High School and will major in history and international business. At the time of this report submission, he is undecided on his university of choice. He is an Eagle Scout, an AP Scholar, the leader of his student body, and received the Bronze Presidential Service Award, among many others. His essay was on “Why was the Mayflower Compact written, and what key principles did it set forth”?
3. Winner of the **THIRD** place, \$1620 scholarship, is Ms. Reagan Marie Allen of San Antonio Texas. She is the daughter of Colleen Allen, also of San Antonio. She will graduate from Ronald Reagan High School and plans to major in marketing or advertising. At the time of this report, she is undecided upon her university of choice. She belongs to the National Honor Society, she is Editor-in-Chief of her Yearbook, “Regalia”, and she belongs to the Journalism University Submitted, State Scholarship Chair Jean deSchweinitz

Mr. Bart Henson

Ms. Ann Harder

REPORT OF 2020 COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE: Peggy Marsh and Sandy Sauers

The committee first met at Rio Ranch restaurant in Houston, on August 4, 2018, to discuss suggestions for the success of the Texas Mayflower Society's 2020 commemoration.

The second meeting was held in the Star of the Republic Museum conference room at Washington on the Brazos State Park on October 20, 2018. The recurring subjects of our discussions at the August and October meetings have centered on the following:

1. Texas to consider the implementation of a YouTube Texas Mayflower Channel, much like the Maryland Mayflower Channel, where educational videos and society outreach could be posted beyond 2020. It was also suggested that Family Societies also submit information.
2. Dress Like a Pilgrim is a national project and the Texas Society is privileged to have Dr. James Battles, GSMD Guard Captain and member of DFW Colony, as a researcher and procurer of resources for Pilgrim costumes. He has posted a "Dress Like a Pilgrim Procurement Guide" link on the GSMD website.
3. James Battles recently reported about the newly-formed Texas Guard: "As announced by Governor Mike Nichols late last year we have created a Texas Mayflower Guard a living history unit modeled after the GSMD Mayflower Guard and the Guard in other states..."
4. Governor Mike Nichols, and other members, suggested that the Texas Mayflower Society plant a tree as a memorial to our ancestors. Other suggestions included erecting a statue in Austin or in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as a 2020 gift from the Texas Society.
5. A book entitled *Gone to Texas*, will be compiled by our own Texas Society members and compiled of the stories of their path to Texas, many generations later. Judie Allen and James Battles will oversee the compilation of the book and the stories will be edited. A complete instruction guide with samples of two stories, will be made available and soon will be posted on the TXSOMD website. Discussion about adding a participation competition centered on design of the book cover. When publishing costs are covered, proceeds from the sale of *Gone to Texas* will go to our Texas Scholarship Fund. As of this date, the deadline for submitting member stories of how they came to Texas, is June 1, 2019.
6. Mayflower Descendant tee shirt sales have been masterfully overseen by DFW Colony member, Cathy Bambenek, who will manage the sales of the 2020 Commemoration. The 2020 Committee has raised \$3,889.61 which will be used to provide memorable activities for TXSOMD members in all colonies.

Last year, Cathy and Governor Nichols collaborated to design clothing, such as tee shirts and sweatshirts, through Custom Ink. The committee approved. The internet business works with organizations and sets "campaign windows" for fund-raising. The 2020 Committee approved a second campaign beginning August 1, 2019, extending to September 3. Members may order

Mayflower Descendant clothing for any 2019 commemoration events. An article for the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine will be submitted for publishing in the summer issue.

Cathy recently suggested that we also use the same logo, only slightly smaller, to offer sizes for young children. The committee will vote on April 5.

6. The 2020 Texas Society Annual Meeting in San Antonio will be a memorable event for its members. Houston Colony member, Bart Henson and San Antonio Colony member, Mike Byrne, met in San Antonio to develop recommendations for activities in conjunction with the business of the society. They discovered a Founders theme: Founding of the United States via Mayflower, the Founding of Texas and the Founding of our Texas Mayflower Society in San Antonio. The committee is hoping that discount tickets will become available for San Antonio area attractions for family activities. In addition to various tours of San Antonio, members may also elect join a procession, led by the newly formed Texas Mayflower Guard, for a short commemorative memorial service to remember our Pilgrim ancestors.

7. A discussion was held at each 2020 Committee meeting about a family and state-wide event at Washington on the Brazos State Park. Concern for the distance members must travel and the lack of accommodations near the park, led to a suggestion of exploring a 2020 commemoration during the April 2020 state meeting in San Antonio.

8. Sandy Sauers, 2020 Committee Co-Chair, contacted each Colony Governor about colony plans for commemorating 2020. Reporting activities:

San Antonio Governor Barbara Warnock, began their commemoration in February by purchasing the video, *The Pilgrims*, by Ric Burns. The San Antonio Colony co-hosted with the San Antonio Central Library and made the film free to the public. The copy purchased has rights to public showings and if any colony would like to borrow the CD, contact Barbara Warnock.

Houston Colony will meet to discuss a family event at Washington on the Brazos State Park, to include any state members interested in attending.

9. The 2020 Commemoration report of Texas Junior 2020 Chairman, Allison Sharer: "... youth members ages 0-25, to be more involved in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants - Texas Mayflower Society ... to engage with the organization in a meaningful way. I will create a website that will have a Wall of Gratitude that children of the US and of England can use to write things they are thankful for, a series of essays written by children about why the Mayflower Pilgrims are important, and a description of games and activities that Pilgrim children played." Allison's plans to share games and activities at festivals, libraries and classrooms, will teach others the true Pilgrim story and encourage others to investigate their own ancestry.

10. A suggestion was made for a commissioned painting of a little-known story about the Pilgrims, to be donated to GSMD for the Meeting House.

11. Committee Co-Chairs, Sandy Sauers and Peggy Marsh, will organize a group of member volunteers, dressed in costume, to travel to Austin and accept the 21 November 2020, Mayflower Compact Day proclamation at the State Capitol. Media will be invited.

12. Commemoration ideas also include needlework and crafts submitted in state and county fair competitions, to include members of all ages and talents. Suggestions include Mayflower or Pilgrim-themed art entries, which may also serve to educate the public.

13. Tyler Governor Dennis Alden, recently suggested that the committee consider participating as an entry in the October 19, 2019, Tyler Rose Festival Parade. There is no entry fee and committee chairs have researched transportation for members who may need assistance navigating the walk in the parade. The estimated cost is \$265.

14. Committee members voted against participation in the 2018 Houston H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade due to the entry fee, lack of sponsorship and logistics of the holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sauers and Peggy Marsh

2020 Co-Chairs

Committee members- Judie Allen, Cathy Bambenek, James Battles, Lois Ann Davis, Bart Henson, Peggy Marsh, Nancy Powers, Sandy Sahagian, Sandy Sauers, Sheryl Schilling, Pat Williams, Lynne Zalesak

APPOINTED COMMITTEE

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST: Linda Hill

It has been my pleasure to serve the Society in this capacity for the last two years. Because of the wonderful job done by Mike Nichols, who set up and did the bulk of the scanning, Laurie Behn who followed him, and our wonderful historians who are scanning the Texas Society applications as they approved, the focus of the digitization project has changed. In the beginning, the main goal was to digitally preserve the applications and accompanying documentation of our members. As this task neared completion, it became clear that preserving the history of the Texas Society was just as, if not more, important than digitizing the member applications.

During my time as Archivist, I completed scanning the applications and documentation, for both adults and juniors, in my possession. After doublechecking that all of these scanned documents were, in fact, on the Archivist computer, on a flash drive, and uploaded to drop box, those documents, as requested in the bylaws, were shredded. I took them to a shredding service where it is possible to watch your documents being shredded.

While most of the States documents have been scanned by Mike Nichols, and a few by myself, there are still many documents that have been stored in San Antonio at the Institute for Texas Cultures. It is my recommendation that a member of the San Antonio take point on scanning the state documents that are in that location. Due to the location, it is difficult for members who do not live near the institute to take on this task.

In addition to the State Society documents, it is important for the individual colonies, which make up the Society, to document their history as well. Of historical interest would be the founding members of the colony, the Charter, bylaws, minutes of meetings, names of all the officers from the founding to the present day, and of course, the scrapbooks.

The above are just some of my thoughts on this matter. I have enjoyed the time I have spent on this task and look forward to seeing where it goes in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L Hill

COLONY REPORTS

REPORT OF CENTRAL TEXAS: Kay Gregory, Governor

REPORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI: Jacqie Perabo, Governor

The Corpus Christi Colony held its annual Compact Day Luncheon at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Society members present: Texas Society Governor, Mike Nichols; Judie Allen, Nancy Parker, DeWitt Alsup, Jacqie Perabo, Patsy Crocker, Kellie Mathieu, Dora Ortego, Charlie Bass and Kathleen Hubert. Guests and prospective members present: George Hatch, Brent Ortego, Antoinette Post, Bob Range and Ruth Carson.

Mike Nichols read a proclamation from Texas Governor, Greg Abbott recognizing Compact Day and the upcoming 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing.

Governor Nichols presented the Plymouth Rock Award to Nancy Parker and DeWitt Alsup in recognition of their efforts, service and assistance to the Texas Society.

Judie Allen discussed 2020 programs and spoke about her book, "Gone to Texas", a compilation of stories about our Mayflower ancestors who came to Texas.

Judie Allen was nominated and elected by the Colony to serve as the new Texas Society Governor.

A new slate of Colony officers was nominated and elected:
Governor- Kellie Mathieu

Deputy Governor- Charlie Bass
Secretary- Dora Ortego
Historian- Kathleen Hubert
Elder-Patsy Crocker
BOA and Parliamentarian- Jacqie Perabo

Next meeting date: April 27, 2019 at the Victoria Country Club in Victoria, TX

REPORT OF DALLAS/FT.WORTH COLONY: Marilyn Funderburk, Governor

REPORT OF HOUSTON COLONY: Charles Prince, Governor

In the Spring Meeting (May) of 2018 the Houston Colony met to enjoy a special presentation, “Know Your Fellow Pilgrim Descendants”, that enabled our membership to share some highlights about their Pilgrim Heritage. Lynne Zalesak, and Colony Governor Charles Prince hosted the meeting. It was a chance for personal interaction, and each member in attendance participated. Scholarship Chairman, Steve Williams presented Abigail Winnier, the “1620 Scholarship Award for the year. Notation was made of the upcoming 2020 activities. Our Elder, the Reverend Don Stone, closed the meeting with prayer.

On July 21, the first Officers Breakfast Meeting was held at the home of Colony Governor Prince. Education plans were approved for money going to produce Tri-Folds, continued development of the Museum Boxes, and additional Books. The Junior Program remains strong under the direction of Peggy Marsh. Planning for the 2019 State Meeting was announced, as the Houston Colony will host it.

On Sunday, November 18th the Houston Colony met at the Braeburn Country Club for its 73rd Annual Compact Day Luncheon. The group of just under 100, enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, and an inspiring presentation by Lisa Pennington on “Did Pilgrim Women’s Work Save Plymouth Colony?” Steve Williams presented the “Know Your Pilgrim Quiz”. Another silent auction added several hundred dollars to our Colony Scholarship program.

A second Officers/Education Committee meeting was held on February 2,2019 to finalize plans for our hosting of the Texas State Meeting. Great participation produced the desired results of an agenda that we felt would make for an interesting and rewarding state meeting. Lisa Pennington offered to deliver a DNA session in the afternoon. A special presentation for GTT (Gone To Texas) was discussed with the participation of Judie Allen, Mike Byrne, and James Battles. Steve Williams, Sandy Sauers, and Sheryl Schilling welcomed the responsibility to provide a Mayflower II update session. Lisa Pennington was pleased to have a session on the 2020 activities planned by Plymouth. Door prizes were discussed, and Judyann Prince was selected to head up a Silent Auction, with proceeds going to the 2020 activities across the state.

The Houston Colony worked with State Library Chair, Betty Prince, to help bring two additional libraries in the Houston area up to speed on the full set of Silver Books. This will bring the Houston Colony up to a total of 4 Libraries, including Clayton, Beaumont, Conroe, and Richmond. We are excited to have these sources available to the roughly four million residents within the range of Houston.

The Houston Colony is now enjoying membership of 125 members with emphasis on further growth with efforts to welcome new State Society Members which has already produced results.

Report Submitted April 5th, 2019

Charles R. Prince
Houston Colony Governor

REPORT OF SAN ANTONIO COLONY: Barbara Warnock, Governor

On February 17, 2018 the colony met at Los Patio's Restaurant for our regular meeting with 43 members and guest in attendance. Tom Jackson, a resident and member of SRT was our speaker. He spoke on "San Antonio History" since this was the 300 years anniversary of the city.

On March 6, 2018 I represented the colony by attending the celebration at the Alamo for the DRT Heroes Day.

On April 6 & 7, 2018 Mike Byrne and I attended the annual TXSOMD meeting in Arlington, TX.

I represented the colony on April 23, 2018 by walking in the Fiesta Pilgrimage to the Alamo and laying a memorial wreath for our colony.

May 5, 2018 the regular meeting of the colony was held at Los Patio's Restaurant with 38 members and guest in attendance. Becky Nelson, member of the San Antonio Choral Society, brought the program "Songs Pilgrims Sang".

In July, 2018 San Antonio Colony and TXSOMD records and memorabilia was collected from several homes and delivered to UTSA Libraries Special Collections for safe keeping.

The Battle of Medina Commemoration was held on August 18, 2018 in a field in Atascosa County.

We rededicated the Samuel Alden plaque. Barbara Warnock, Joe & Helen Cox and Peggy Jared attended. A history symposium was held in Leming, TX attended by the colony Governor.

September 22, 2018 the regular meeting of the San Antonio Colony was held at Los Patios Restaurant with 33 members and guest in attendance. Dr. Amy Porter, Assist. Professor at

TXA&MSA was the speaker on “The Women of Spanish San Antonio”.

Sept. 29, 2018 the TXSOMD Governor’s Forum in Austin, TX was attended by Mike Byrne and myself.

The Compact Meeting was held on November 17, 2018 at Los Patios Restaurant. There was 52 members and guest in attendance. Six of our colony members brought the program “Plymouth 400: An Interpretive Journey from Provincetown to Boston”.

December, 2018 I met with the San Antonio Central Library Texana Room Director to finalize the showing of the documentary film “The Pilgrims” by Ric Burns free to the public. A flyer for the event was created. In January, 2019 I met with Librarians, Principals and Secretaries of Seven elementary schools, Five Middle schools, Four High Schools and One college within a Three mile radius of the Central Library. Flyers and the TXSOMD Public Service Announcement

Link was given to each school representative I spoke with to encourage the students to attend. Five Radio stations and Four TV stations were sent the flyer and PSA link.

February 16, 2019 San Antonio regular meeting was held at the Omni Hotel with 32 members and guest attending. Our member Suzanne Scott, General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority brought the report of the SARA Improvement Projects in Bexar County.

February 23, 2019 San Antonio Colony co-hosted with the San Antonio Central Library to show the Film “The Pilgrims”. Thirty adults attended of which Eleven were Colony Members.

Respectfully,

Barbara Warnock, Governor
San Antonio Colony

REPORT OF TYLER COLONY: Dennis Alden, Governor

REPORT OF WACO COLONY: Dorothy Tate, Governor

April 7, 2018

Waco Colony was represented at Arlington for the Texas State Mayflower Meeting by Colony Governor Dottie Tate. The Program by the Plimoth Plantation character of Mrs. Stephen Hopkins was a highlight of the events.

May 5, 2018

At our Waco Colony meeting we awarded a \$500 Scholarship to Midway High School Senior Julia Ruth Scott, one of our Junior Mayflower members. Our program was “Herbs of Home in the New World” presented by Eolior Yokus and Jackie Lipinski. They brought small pots of herbs to share with members. Our Mayflower Minute was given by Belinda Summers about her ancestor Pilgrim Joan Hurst Tilley.

September 29, 2018

Colony Governor Dottie Tate attended the State Officers Forum near Austin, Texas. Officers attending examined several topics for the State and Colony levels. We were given instructions on how to get Proclamations for Mayflower Compact Day from our local governments, which we as a Colony followed up on attaining.

October 19, 2018

Our Colony Governor Dottie Tate dressed in Pilgrim attire and set up a display of Mayflower information and items at the “Annual Genealogy Lock-in” at the Waco Library and Genealogy Center. She had a program “Searching for Ancestors in the Mayflower Silver Books” promoting the Mayflower Silver books collection at the library and their excellence in researching the Mayflower lineage for prospective members. She also had information on the new “Patriot to Passenger Project” and looked up names for NSDAR and SAR members. Another Colony member working at the event was Norma Cannata who is our Library Chairman and volunteers weekly at the Waco Library.

November 3, 2018

At our Mayflower Compact Luncheon, we had on display the State Proclamation from Governor Abbott and our County Proclamation honoring Mayflower Comptact Day. Our Colony nominated our current officers to continue in their present positions for the next two-year term and all Officers accepted. They will be voted and installed at our meeting in May 2019. Our Program was “And I Didn’t Even Make it off the Boat” presented by Dallas Colony Governor Marilyn Funderburk. Our Mayflower Minute was given by Norma Cannata on her ancestor James Chilton.

Our Education Committee met and decided to order books from Plimoth Plantation to be distributed by Waco Colony members to various libraries or schools. We ordered 3 different books for each member and got 3 additional books to gift to our next 3 speakers. The books were suggested by Junior Chairman Peggy Marsh for the younger children and one was selected for the older readers. We spent a total of \$499.59 which was reimbursed to Waco Colony by Texas Mayflower Society.

November 20, 2018

Waco Colony Governor Dottie Tate and Deputy Governor Barbara Lewandowski were dressed in Pilgrim costumes and were guest speakers on local Channel 25 “Central Texas Living” program hosted by Past Colony Governor Ann Harder. We spoke on the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving and gave information on joining GSOMD.

REPORT OF WEST TEXAS COLONY: Rick Denham, Governor