

Amasa Mason Lyman Society Board
Minutes of Conference call April 8, 2020

Participants: Scott Isaacson, President, David Busath, John & Jody Fellmeth, Matt Lyman, Jed Lyman, Tafta Watson, Tom King, Evelyn Corning, Greg Lyman, Jack Lyman, Jeffrey Mahas

1. Publications.

Steve Sorenson Biography of Francis Marion Lyman. David reported on the biography of Francis Marion Lyman that Steve Sorenson is publishing and which the Society agreed to support with some funds to help pay for editorial review. David reported that it is finished and looks great. He will speak next with BYU Print about how to make it available to the Society members electronically.

2. Legal Status.

Tom King reported that the Society's legal charter with the State has expired and he is in the process of renewing it and of completing the process of applying for tax-exempt status, 501 C 3.

3. Reunion at This is the Place Heritage Park August 15.

- We expressed hope that the current COVID-19 crisis will be reduced by then and the event will be able to be held.
- We have set up a Facebook page for the event that we will populate with additional information and details.
- The basic outline is that there will be a general meeting for no longer than an hour or so and then various options for side events, and enjoying the Park. The rental of the building for the reunion comes with a steep discount from the normal costs for entrance to the Park, so that families would be encouraged to come to the reunion events and then also enjoy the rest of the Park. The basic idea is to make this a shorter, more child and family suited event—more like a traditional family reunion.
- Jeff Mahas is going to prepare a handout that will explain the connection between the various buildings at the Park with AML and his life. This brochure would eventually be put on the Society Webpage.
- Other kinds of handouts were discussed, such as bio of each of the wives. Evelyn and Tafta agreed to work on that.
- Greg Lyman offered to be in charge of publicity, invitations, etc.
- Food will be provided. Details to come.
- It was discussed that the "Labor of Love" DVDs and the Albert R. Lyman biography of Amasa Mason Lyman books that the Society has in its possession should be handed out to those who attend. Jack Lyman indicated he has something like 1200 copies of

the books and about 200 of the DVDs. It was proposed that these should be given to the families who attend and pay their Society dues.

4. Evelyn Corning's Research.

Evelyn Corning has completed research on the six daughters of AML and Maria Tanner and the Board discussed ways to share that research. Evelyn agreed to share the bios of each daughter with the Board for comment and then we will determine how best to make the information available to the Society.

5. Family Search "Block"

On Family Search there is a block preventing changes or new materials on certain of the early Church leaders' families. Family Search explained that because of the large number of descendants, it was very difficult to allow changes to be made in those family lines. Jeff Mahas agreed to check with Family Search to learn more about the block and whether it could be addressed. Several Board members expressed that it would be good if new historical material could be added to Family Search.

6. The Saints.

It was discussed that in Volume 2 of the Church history book "The Saints" AML's apostasy is mentioned. The idea was suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea to find a way to suggest to the writers of those volumes to include in Volume 3 the story about the restoration of AML's blessings.

7. Quotations.

The suggestion was made that it could be a good project for the Society to compile a list of quotations from AML's sermons. Jack Lyman shares a quotation a week on his website so that could be a good place to start to make such a compilation.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.