

Clan Macmillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Business Meeting
Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm
Springhill Suites, Common Room
Jackson, Mississippi

Present: Connall Bell (Medford, Oregon), Michael Drotar (Loudon, NH), Gordon Macmillan (Glagow, Scotland), Chris Wittenberg (Loudon, NH), Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN), Rev. Christopher McMullen (New Brunswick, Canada), Hubert Mcmillan (Kosciusko, MS), Teresa Mcmillan (Kosciusko, MS), Gary Eno (New Concord, OH), Sid McMillan (Cordova, TN), Margie McMillan (Cordova, TN), Lee McMillen (Sarasota, FL), Arthur Macmillan (Finlaystone, Renfrewshire, Scotland), Jane Strauss (Northport, ME), Blanche McMillan (Burlington, Canada), Keith MacMillan (Cochrane, Canada), Deb Sirianni (Lowbanks, Canada)

Call to Order

The Business Meeting of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America was called to order at 3:52 pm by President Butch MacMillan.

Adoption of the Agenda

A formal agenda was not provided.

Approval of the Minutes of July 22, 2022, from Calgary, Canada

Members of the clan reviewed the hardcopy of the 2021-2022 minutes held in Calgary, Canada. Neil Johnson was the Recording Secretary for Chris Wittenberg at the 2022 Calgary Gathering as Chris was not able to attend. Keith Macmillan moved that the minutes be accepted, Sid McMillan seconded the motion. The minutes were voted on and approved by acclamation.

New Business

Clan Macmillan Honour Roll

Keith Macmillan discussed the Macmillan Honour roll. The Honor Roll would include people that bring honor to the clan. Keith discussed if there was a need to tighten up the list of categories noted on the handout. The list includes the following categories:

- Humanitarian Efforts
- Philanthropic Endeavors
- Business Accomplishments
- Academic Achievements
- Scientific Success
- Religious Leadership
- Military Recognition
- Political Contribution
- Explorer/Adventurer
- Sports
- Media Skills
- Art and Culture
- Commitment to Clan Macmillan Society of North America

The list is not meant to be in the order of priority. It is hoped that this will Provide 2 years to think of deserving candidates and nominate them at the next Gathering in Cape Breton. The candidates should be from North America or have accomplished their feat in North America. The proposal was that there would be a small blurb for each approved person to be added to the roll. Rev. Chris said that he likes the categories listed. Arthur mentioned that the list noted should not be all inclusive. There was a discussion about producing a plaque that would include the members of the Honour Roll. Lee mentioned character, and achievement should be considered. Gary mentioned a check box/list of characteristics that each person possesses. There will be a committee to be conducted by email or Zoom that includes Sid, Arthur, and Keith. Hubert Mcmillan moved that the proposed Honour Roll be accepted, Michael Drotar seconded the motion. The proposed Honour Roll was voted on and approved by acclamation.

Report of the Treasurer

Deb Sirianni d discussed the financial report. Deb noted the need to gather membership dues. The CMSNA raised \$1,007 from the 2022 silent auction in Calgary, Canada and the monies were sent to the Clan Centre. Rev. Chris McMullen moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Hubert McMillan seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved by acclamation.

Report of the President

Welcome to Mississippi. Need to Get new members involved. Neil Johnson thanked Hubert for putting on the Gathering.

Elections:

Vice President:

Chris Wittenberg nominated Michael Drotar to be the Vice President Of CMSNA in 2026. Keith seconded. Gary Eno ceased nominations. The nomination was approved by acclamation on a motion from Chris Wittenberg and Seconded by Keith Macmillan.

Mike accepted the nomination.

Treasurer:

Deborah Sirianni was nominated to continue as Treasurer of CMSNA by Rev. Chris McMullen. The nomination was approved by acclamation on a motion from Rev. Chris and Seconded by Hubert Macmillan

Deborah Accepted.

Communication.

Chris Wittenberg suggested Rev. Chris as a good contact person for distribution of information. Rev. Chris suggested that people send him pictures to post on Facebook. Also, send pictures to Mike Mcmillen to post on the Clan Macmillan web page. Butch mentioned to send suggestions to Rev Chris for someone to be the communications person.

Arthur mentioned we need to get younger children involved.

Rev. Chris mentioned Instagram and TikTok.

Butch asked Arthur to speak, and to discuss his involvement in the clan. He said public relations is very important. The honor roll is a great idea. Rev. Chris said how important it is to have Arthur here.

Next Gathering

Rev. Chris mentioned that he was the President of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America in 2000-2001. Sydney, Cape Breton will be the location for the 2026 Gathering. Attendees may fly into Halifax Airport. The Halifax Airport has twice-daily connections to Sydney. Places of interest for attendees to visit include the Baile nan Gaidheal Highland Village in Iona, the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, and the Cape Breton Museum of mining. The Sunday CTS service will hopefully be held in the MacMillan Memorial United Church in Catalone, outside Louisbourg, Nova Scotia.

When to hold the 2026 CMSNA Gathering? Sid suggested holding the 2026 CMSNA Gathering in the middle of summer. Rev. Chris said that they usually have good weather in late July.

Meeting Adjournment

The 2024 CMSNA Business Meeting adjourned 4:52 pm.

Chris Wittenberg
Loudon, NH
Secretary