

Minutes of General Society Meeting, October 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock at 12:20 PM

Gary Brock officially announced the opening of the treasurer's position. The Board reluctantly accepted Paul Price's resignation. If anyone is interested in filling the position, please talk with Gary.

Officer Reports: Secretary Ann Stevens requested that minutes from the Sept general meeting be approved as published; motion by Myrna Goodwin; second Paul Price; carried. Treasurer Paul Price requested that the treasurer's report for Sept be accepted as published; motion by Ann Stevens; second Virginia Taylor; carried. Vice-President (Membership) Virginia Taylor reported: 25 members + 1 guest present; current membership=97. Vice-President (Programs) Barbara Ibaibarriaga talked about upcoming programs: Wed, Nov 25, Georgie Stillman will be back with her local version of "Heirloom Discovery" (sign-up sheet for Heirloom Discovery is available so that people can bring items of interest and have Georgie give some background and insight on the object); and in December, we will have our holiday lunch. Barbara also talked about the recent seminar at Fredericka Manor and how successful it was; Susan Walter did a great job, and many of the Manor residents are very interested in getting started in telling their stories. Barbara indicated that the challenge now is to make sure that once the stories are recorded, that we have people who can transcribe the stories.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery/Historian: Susan Zimmer reported that the committee is still working on records at La Vista Cemetery; she also has a volunteer to check the earlier records that have already been recorded.

Library and Books: Bernice Heiter (absent) Wanda Brock said that Bernice was preparing another box of books to donate to the library.

Library Liaison: Dearl Glenn (absent) Gary noted that Wed, Nov 11, the library will be closed due to the observance of Veterans Day; Research group meeting to be postponed to Thurs, Nov 12.

Computer Group: Shirley Becker (absent) The Computer Group meets the 3rd Wed @ noon.

Public Relations: John Finch has been sending notices to the local newspapers; however, they are not always getting published.

Webmaster/Estate Papers: Gary Brock said website is up to date, but he is always looking for new pictures and articles to share. Estate Papers Committee has started on Box 5 (out of 6).

Hospitality: Susi Pentico is sending around a sign-up sheet to schedule hosts/hostesses for refreshments at future meetings. Telephone tree still needs a volunteer to fill in (Barbara Ibaibarriaga said she would be a back-up). Christmas Holiday Luncheon plans continue; sign up sheets will be circulated at the November meeting.

Newsletter/Research/Queries: Randy Seaver has received only 1 follow-up query. The Research group meets 2nd Wed @ noon (**on Thurs, Nov 12 this month**) in conference room to discuss research problems and brainstorm possible avenues to pursue. The newsletter will be published by Nov 8 (after the Board meeting next week); he appreciates any newsletter articles people would like to submit.

Opportunity Drawing: Mary Patterson won \$15 in the 50/50 drawing (just enough to pay her dues)

Program: Past CVGS President Randy Seaver talked about how to plan a genealogy research vacation. He provided many tips on the effective preliminary planning for such a trip . . . who to contact, where to go, setting research goals, etc. He also emphasized that it is important to blend the research and the sight-seeing aspects in order to enjoy both with a spouse or friend who may not be into genealogy as much as we are. Randy also suggested that it is important to allow time in one's schedule to take advantage of the unexpected . . . talking to a family member you didn't know about, visiting a repository that has an unexpected treasure trove of family lore, etc. . . . and Randy went through some of his own trips to illustrate how a trip might progress. His presentation was well-received by those present and generated some enthusiasm about going on some of those research trips ourselves!

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary