

The Kinseekers Genealogy Society of Lake County Minutes of the March 20, 2006, Board Meeting



President Lama called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at the LRMC North meeting room. Board members present were: President Lama; 1st Vice Pres. Keenan; 2nd Vice Pres. Offutt; Recording Secretary Thiel; Corresponding Secretary Schulte; Treasurer Milton; Board members at large Hale, MacDonald and Toops; Past President Holloway who also is a SIG Leader; and Newsletter Editor Fahs.

There was no reading of the minutes of the December 2005 Board meeting as there was no copy of it in the Recording Secretary loose-leaf binder book. (Winnie may have given me a copy but)

Treasurer Milton distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report; it shows a balance in the Treasury of \$2,514 as of above date.

President Lama questioned need for all the committees and wondered if all were filled. They are filled as follows: Membership Co-chair Ethel MacDonald; Program Co-Chair Joan Holloway; and Public Relations Glorianne Fahs. The remaining are as shown in Jan Feb Mar Quarterly.

President Lama also questioned whether we still do the Family Charts; yes – Joan Holloway compiles these.

President Lama then suggested combining the Recording and Corresponding Secretary positions. After some discussion during which it was pointed out there was no problem getting persons for both of these positions during this nominating cycle, it was decided to table this as an action item for the March 2007 Board Meeting.

Secretary Thiel reported that the Computer Genealogy SIG, which is jointly sponsored by the Lake-Sumter Computer and Kinseekers Societies, meets at 2:15 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Lecture Hall of the LS Community College's Leesburg campus. Currently being very ably led by Francis Keenan, the SIG's April 13 session will be presented by none other than Kinseekers President Lama, who will present "Using a PDA for Genealogy Research." The May 11 C-G SIG will be presented by Glorianne Fahs who will speak on: "Using Genealogy Web Sites such as Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest.com, etc., for Research." Joan Holloway requested a 3x5 card for posting in the Library.

Joan Holloway reported that the "All Things Genealogical" SIG, which she leads, meets 1st Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Library. The topic

for the April 3 meeting will be on “Researching the Women in Your Family Genealogy.” The May 1 meeting still shows a TBA.

Vice President Offutt discussed the Kinseeker Member Survey included on the last page of the Quarterly. He is hopeful of getting about 25 or roughly 1/3 of our members to respond. Thiel reported on his use of Zoomerang.com to survey LSCS members in early March; he reported 61 replies out of 142 members or about 43%. He offered to assist Kinseekers to use Zoomerang, which is free, should they desire. VP Offutt is looking toward obtaining outside qualified speakers for our regular meetings; these would, however, mean that an admission charge would have to be levied.

Mary Ellen Milton and Glorianne Fahs appointed as a committee to send a potted plant to Jeanette Phethean.

Glorianne Fahs said the Quarterly Newsletter was still being printed. When asked about why she wasn't sending them by email she said she had some problems with pdf files;

There was discussion about changing the location of our regular meeting room from the Cultural Arts Center in Leesburg to the new Leesburg Public Library when it opens. Ms. Milton said that we are “grandfathered” to \$25 for two hours of time at the present location for the current year; this came up in conjunction with the use of outside speakers and whether they might be asked to make a somewhat longer presentation. Ms. Milton said that the Cultural Arts Center management is generally quite tolerant of our going over the 2 hour period.

President Lama will contact Library staff, especially Carol Anderson and Kathy Mahoney(?) about our eventually moving our regular meetings to the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Tom J. Thiel, Recording Secretary, Monday, March 27, 2006