

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Shelley at 6:37 pm.

Attendance: Jim was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Jeanette moved, Sandy seconded, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported a balance of \$12,959.60 on 3/31/18. She also reported that the bank is now charging an \$8 fee for any foreign deposit, including Canadian. She recommended we raise the foreign membership dues to cover this cost. Board agreed to raise Canadian dues from \$20 to \$25. International dues, which are set at \$27, will remain the same. Dawn will look into if Square Up charges any foreign currency fees and will report back to the Board. She will also update the membership forms.

Membership Report: Dawn reported 207 active members, 5 new since last month, and 670 fans on Facebook. She also reported the number of hits on our You tube Program videos, showing that people are using this feature of our website.

Committee Reports:

Programs:

March - "Dating Photos Through Fashion" will be presented by Cindy Waters and Marlene Miller on March 28 at 7 pm was well attended, lots of questions from the audience.

April - Shelley is working on confirming Linda Hammond as speaker for the April 26 program "African American Diaspora". Shelley has also been working on distribution/publicity for this event.

November Planning Committee meeting for 2019 programs - Jeanette advised we have a speaker for Adoption, Ward Bray, so we can include that topic in our next year's programming.

Computer/Web Site: Dawn reported that we need to have Jay look at our library printer to figure out why it's not printing in color.

Correspondence: business as usual.

Library - Shelving Committee: see below under Old Business.

Newsletter: Shelley – themes for 2018.

- March 2018 - Must Use Resources.
- June 2018- TBD
- September 2018 - Best of NCGS Library (remember to include You tube videos)
- December 2018 – Member Stories

Old Business:

1. Library - Shelving purchase and implementation plan presented by Jeanette, chair of Ad Hoc committee for this purpose. Shelley advised we will need to present to Melissa Dunlap, Director of Historical Society. Shelley will craft an introduction to our plan and we will include a photo of the shelving we'd like to purchase and drawing of how we want to rearrange the library.
2. Sunny Morton forum - Sandy did a new registration form and we have 6 people signed up so far. Jeanette signed the contract with Sunny and sent back to her.
3. NCGS Logo - Carol reported that the company we ordered tote bags from and paid \$50 set-up fee has limited selection of products, so we will have to go somewhere else and pay a new set-up fee. She would like to see a jpeg of our logo changed to just the oval logo, not as a

square with white background. She also suggested ordering business cards that all the Board members could use/Board approved/she will go ahead and order.

New Business:

1. NYS Regents annual report - Sandy does this report. Apparently they send an email directly to her *and* to our general email address, which is confusing when doing Correspondence.

Upcoming Meetings: Program Meeting - Saturday April 28 at 1:00 pm at the Lockport
Public Library Community Meeting Room.

Board Meeting - Tuesday May 1 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ribbeck