

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

**Attended:** Sandy Chapman, Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits, Paul Harvey, Wreatha Harvey, Dawn Henning, Jim Lawson, Cynthia Ribbeck and Jeanette Sheliga.

**Absent:** Shelley Richards.

The meeting was called to order by Jim at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- January 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed for approval. Jim moved they be accepted with one correction: *Carol* will check out FGS..., Paul seconded, Board approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported a balance of \$13,211.65 for January 31, 2016. She also reported that the dues received via Pay Pal and Square Up are odd amounts because a fee is taken by them from the dues amount.

**Membership Report:**

- Dawn reported 177 active members, and 2 members applied online but never paid. *Note: Dawn followed up with an email to Board Members on February 2 that we had two new members since last month and the last person that joined is number 2000!*

**Committee Reports:**

Programs: The January 23 Beginners Program was attended by 20 people. Shelley will moderate the February 27 meeting for the panel of experts. Sandy will not be at the meeting as she will be out of town. *Note: Sandy followed up with an email to Board Members on February 8 that she purchased gift cards and included thank you notes for all 3 panelists. Shelley replied to email that she will take Rhonda to the library to look around after program.*

Computer/Website: No report.

Correspondence: Dawn reported we received a thank you from the Historical Society for our donation.

Library: Carol has sent emails to colleges regarding interns for history or library programs. Per Jeanette, Rhonda will be consultant - confirmed.

Librarians: Wreatha made keys for the librarians and will have them signed for. She also inquired if we were going to have a librarians luncheon again this year - held in April of last year.

Newsletter: Shelley needs articles for “brick walls” and from Board Members for their areas; Carol - article updating membership on library needs; Wreatha - something outlining need for librarians; Jim - letter from the President focused on brick walls; Sandy - Best of the Web; all due to Shelley by Feb. 20.

Themes for 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr due March - Genealogical Brickwalls - The Common and Not So Common Roadblocks.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr due June - The Towns of Wilson, Ransomville and Royalton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr due Sept - Polish Genealogy of Niagara
- 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr due Dec - The NCGS Library - What is in it?

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Janis Gillis is willing to copy 2 churches’ records for our library. Board discussed and welcomes the opportunity to include more local records in our library holdings. Dawn will look into it further. *Note: Dawn followed up with an email to Board Members on January 10 detailing what is involved in this project.*

**Next Meeting:** Board meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned by Jim at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ribbeck