

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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

**Attendance:** Barbara and Carol were absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Note - Minutes were provided by Carol because Cindy R. was absent for the January meeting. Cindy R. moved, Cindy W. seconded, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported a balance of \$12,801.24 on 1/31/18. The Lockport Public Library was sent a refund for the membership fee they paid in error with a note explaining they receive the newsletter as a courtesy. Sandy also stated she will provide Shelley with the 2017 Financial Report to be published in the March newsletter.

**Membership Report:** 172 active members, 655 fans of Facebook. We received 4 new members since January, but 70 have still not renewed.

**Committee Reports:**

Programs: Jeanette did a great job on the January 27 program "Beginning Your Genealogical Journey: the Basics."

The next program meeting will be the "Lisa Louise Cooke Video Extravaganza" on February 24 from 10 am - 2 pm here on Niagara Street.

- a. Cindy will prepare a schedule of the videos, building in break times, so it can be published. She will email it to Board members for approval so that Carol can use it for the publicity.
- b. Dawn will take care of set up and sound for the videos.
- c. Shelley and Jeanette will take care of refreshments (suggestions were breakfast items like muffins, and lunch items like cut up subs and sheet pizzas).
- d. Shelley recommended we *all* be here 9 am to help set up the room (tables, chairs, etc) lecture style.

Sandy brought up some questions regarding the June Program Meeting with Sunny Morton:

suggestions on where to have it are NCCC, Kenan/Taylor Theater, Niagara Falls Library, a banquet hall such as 80 Main Street, the Canal Tours, the Cooperative Extension. Ex. If we're not providing lunch, need to be near food places.

Sunny's needs - ex. Internet, what else?

The day will be approx. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm with (4) 50 minute sessions. There will be breaks and a lunch period built into the schedule.

Jeanette has been the liason with Sunny and stated she doesn't need a deposit yet. We are on her schedule but she hasn't published it on her schedule yet in case we want to do a reveal.

Computer/Web Site: Dawn reported that Jay hooked up the scanner to the computer while the Board met.

Correspondence: Dawn reported that someone inquired about purchasing "wall charts." Shelley thought it sounded like the decorative pedigree charts; she would like someone to look into some that we could purchase and offer for sale; Dawn agreed to look into this.

She also reported that a guy wanted to share some images of yearbook and newspaper articles. He wanted us to post them on our website. Dawn said she would advise him he could post them on our Facebook page.

Library: Jeanette presented a report from the Ad Hoc committee on the purchase of shelving. Included with her presentation was a drawing of where she envisions the records will be located after the shelving is installed.

- It was recommended to go with the Aurora Quik-Lok Steel Shelving. The estimated cost prior to sales tax and shipping is \$5,062.50. It is hoped we will be tax exempt and only incur the shipping costs. A vote was taken the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.
- Shelley advised that the Ad Hoc committee contact the catalog company for a quote on the shipping and report back to the Board at the March meeting. She also advised that the committee do their best to determine time and costs for the transition such as removing old shelving and how to dispose of, painting the walls, replacing drop ceiling tiles, hiring movers to bring the shelving up the stairs, assembly/installation of new shelving, etc.
  - Would the Historical Society be able to cover any expenses, such as painting and/or drop ceiling tiles?
  - So far it is estimated that the transition would take about 2-3 weeks and the genealogy library will be closed during that period.

Newsletter: Shelley – themes for 2018.

- March 2018 - Best Resources for 2018

- June 2018- TBD
- September 2018 - TBD
- December 2018 – Member Stories

**Old Business:** Election of Society President: Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits was nominated, Cindy W. moved, Jeanette seconded, vote was unanimous.

Review of Bylaws: Shelley had reviewed the Bylaws at the January meeting; she reviewed them again at the February meeting for the benefit of those who absent last month.

Hooking up Computer to printer/copier - status: completed. Note - it was the scanner.

**New Business:** None.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Program Meeting - Saturday February 24 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Board Meeting - Tuesday March 6 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Ribbeck*