

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Shelley at 6:40pm.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy moved, Dawn seconded.

Not in Attendance: All present

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$5986.65 on 11/30/19 and \$6553.76 on 12/31/19. Sandy reported that there were no unusual expenses for this time period. Account is up from dues and donations.

Committee Reports:

Library-

- Jeanette still needs help vetting and recruiting volunteers. We will mention that we are looking for volunteers and librarians at the programs.
- Steve Fulton of the Ontario Genealogy Society visited on November 10th and made sense of our Canadian collection. He offered to help build our website as well.
- Dawn asked that librarians listen to voicemail if blinking.
- Working day in the library was held Nov 16th and a lot was accomplished.
- A couple of shelves in library still need to be anchored.

Membership- 143 members, 961 fans on Facebook, 44 followers on blog

Programs-

- January 25th – 1pm- Lockport Library-- Getting Acquainted with the Genealogical Proof Standard
**10:30am Beginning Genealogy: Ancestry.com (Special Beginner Series- SBS)

Newsletter- Shelley will have subjects for February meeting

1. March 2020 –
2. June 2020 –
3. September 2020-
4. December 2020 –

Nominating Committee- A replacement board member is needed for the remainder of Barb Newman's term (1 year). Dawn suggested Wreatha Harvey and it was unanimously voted yes. Shelley decided to give Joann Stoll the 2 year term (up in 2021) vacated by Cindy Ribbeck and Kevin Gaskill the 3 year term (up in 2022) vacated by Janice Wiegley.

Publicity – Facebook followers is almost at 1000. Talk of a membership given to the 1000th follower. Carol mentioned that we have yet to do a grand opening at the library. Blog is getting overwhelming, hoping a new board member can take over soon and also help with website.

Correspondence- nothing to report

Archives- nothing to report

Auditing- We will look for a volunteer from an accounting firm to do an audit in the near future.

Acquisitions – Yearbooks were received as a donation

Look-up Committee- nothing to report

New Business:

- We need to get moving on a new website that is mobile friendly which ours is not at this time. We would like individual society email addresses and business cards that will coincide with the new site.
- Roles were discussed. Shelley asked each board member to let her know what committee or position they would be interested in and she will make recommendations accordingly.

Old Business:

Jeanette reiterated that the library needs more volunteers and someone needs to take over scheduling and handling librarians. She stepped in temporarily but we need someone to take over.

Upcoming Meeting:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits