

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Attended: Sandy Chapman, Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits, Dawn Henning, Jim Lawson, Cynthia Ribbeck, Shelley Richards and Jeanette Sheliga.

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Shelley at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Minutes: May 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed for approval. Sandy moved they be accepted, Dawn seconded, Board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported a balance of \$12,713.26 for May 31, 2016. Some highlights of the report were: A new phone was purchased for the office at \$50.00 (the old one ceased to work); Insurance for the contents of our office/library was \$389.87.

Membership Report: Dawn reported 231 active members, 538 fans on Facebook.

Committee Reports:

Programs:

1. The May DNA Program was very popular - about 40 people attended. Carol mentioned that several people emailed her afterward to ask more questions.
2. June - Polish Genealogy - Dave Newman, Past President of the Polish Society, is the speaker. Carol has confirmed with him & he will need the projector and an outlet. Jeanette also suggested speakers as she's heard him speak in the past and he needed them. We have a set on our PC in the library that we can use for the meeting.
3. September - "Getting the most from cemeteries in your Genealogical Research" by Michelle Kratts. Carol has confirmed with Michelle.

Computer/Website: Dawn stated she needs to put the minutes on the website.

Correspondence: Dawn stated that Ann Bruski will be manning a booth on our behalf at the 4H building for the Federation of Historical Societies meeting. Ann needs someone to drop off the wooden display. She also asked if anyone else could take a shift at the booth. Board discussed but no decision made.

Library: Jeanette stated Rhonda would be available to present her findings to the Board on Wednesday June 29 at 5:30 PM. However, that time slot would be rushed as those working more towards Buffalo would find it hard to get there by 5:30 and then our Program meeting is at 7:00 PM. Jeanette will see if Rhonda can meet with us on Saturday June 25.

Also, Jeanette will set up some dates in July for the Board to continue meeting/discussing the library holdings and Rhonda's report. Shelley reminded us that everything doesn't need to be done by the October Program meeting...this will be an ongoing project.

Librarians: Now that Wreatha has retired from the Board, Shelley and Cindy will share keeping up the schedule. Jim will arrange a librarians meeting and prepare the agenda for Saturday October 29 at 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. (Our program meeting is afterward at 1:00 PM.)

Also, Cindy is updating the Librarian Volunteers list. She will email a copy to Jim, place a copy in the library office (in Wreatha's mailbox for now) and send a copy to each Librarian Volunteer. This will be helpful when Librarians need to ask a question while working, or request a switch if a conflict comes up for their scheduled work day.

Janice Wiegly has been trained as a librarian and needs a key to the office. She is working next on Saturday June 25. Cindy will meet her there and assign her a key.

Cindy Smist, a Society member, would like to be a Librarian Volunteer. Dawn will arrange for someone to train her. Cindy will add her contact information to the Librarian Volunteers list.

The NCGS Library will be closed Saturday July 2 per Board approval, even though at this point the Museum plans to be open that day.

Newsletter:

Shelley is still working on the 2nd quarter newsletters on the Towns of Wilson, Ransomville and Roylton, which is due June. Please submit any articles to her so she can complete.

Old Business: Shelley sent us an email 5/14/16 about her conversation with Melissa on other available space for the library. There is no other available space at this time. They discussed a lift, which the Historical Society has written grants for unsuccessfully in the past. Shelley assured her our Society would be glad to cosign/support any future attempts to obtain a grant.

New Business: New Board members needed to replace Wreatha and Paul who resigned due to health reasons.

Next Meeting: Program Meeting Wednesday June 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Board meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ribbeck