

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2019

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

Approval of Minutes: Dawn moved, Sandy seconded.

Not in Attendance: Cindy Waters not in attendance

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported final payment was made for shelves. Balance on 3/31/2019 was \$5705.56 and on 4/30/2019 it was \$5876.84. Dues, donations and maps bringing approx. \$280.00

Committee Reports:

Library:

Received report from Cindy Ribbeck. Cindy notes she is only accessioning Celeste's items and is not deaccessioning at all. Reports shows she has accessioned 24 books since Oct 2018.

Spoke about Rhonda Hoffman assisting with the backlog of accessioning to catch us up. Head librarian position needs to be filled. Noted that Michelle Kratts is another option to help.

Jeanette reports that shelving is completed and the counter/Skinner collection was moved. Adjustments have been made to keep collections together and there is room for growth. Jeanette mentioned defining the census in the Niagara County section and that references like in the Grosvenor room need to be made. This will help in locating items.

Membership Report: 224 active members

Programs:

Jeanette, as Program chairman, suggested separate meetings for beginners, intermediate and advanced members, special interest groups and small group meetings on particular subjects in addition to our regular monthly programs.

Carol and Dawn agreed to be part of the Program committee. Jeanette would like to hold program scheduling meeting in the summer rather than in November due to weather concerns. Jeanette will decide on a summer date for meeting.

---April 24th DNA and Genealogy with Rhonda Hoffman – great turnout and reviews.

--- May 22nd- Finding your Birthparents- with Ward Bray --- Barb will bring refreshments/snack, Shelley will do AV, Jeanette will videotape, Dawn will setup and Carol will run the meeting. Sandy is the money lady.

--- June 19th – Sanborn Maps and Land Records with Jeanette Sheliga

Newsletter:

1. March 2019 – Famous Families of Niagara County – MAILING COMPLETE
2. June 2019 – Finding Your Birthparents – Stories & Resources – Shelley is still looking for stories.
3. September 2019 – Birth, Marriage and Death Records in NCGS Library
4. December 2019 – Member Stories

Nominating Committee- No report

Publicity-

Carol suggests welcoming new members on Facebook and inviting to page and reports the blog is going well. Always looking for input from the board members. 31 followers on the blog from US, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, Sweden, Romania, Singapore and Nigeria. 290 views in March and 346 in April.

Dawn reports 884 followers on Facebook. Computer/Web Site: No updates

Correspondence: Carol received an email from a member who will be donating photos and a bible.

Archives – Hope to get an update from Cindy W in June.

Auditing – We need to plan to have this done for year end.

Acquisitions – Barb will think about how to move forward with this.

New Business:

Carol distributed responsibilities/roles each board member has at this time. List was created for board member responses.

Cindy R has resigned as Board member immediately. Shelley reviewed by laws regarding appointing a new board member to replace the position noting it allows her to do it mid-year. Three additional positions will be expiring this year.

Carol will put an ad together looking for interest in a board member and send to board members for review.

Old Business:

Management of our monthly programs is going well. Jeanette will do the program checklist and Dawn offered to review it.

The Skinner Collection – Rhonda agreed to review the collection and report to the board. Shelly will send Rhonda a contract after emailing to board for approval then schedule date.

Upcoming Meeting:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted by Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits