

NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Shelley at 6:35pm.

Approval of Minutes: Jeanette moved, Barb seconded.

Not in Attendance: All present

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$5231.20 on 9/30/19 and \$5986.85 on 10/31/19. Sandy reported that there were no unusual expenses for this time period. Account is up \$755.65 mostly dues and donations. Sandy said an additional signature card is needed on the account which Shelley will do.

Committee Reports:

Library-

- Rhonda Hoffman agreed to do accessioning and explained her report on the Skinner Collection to the board. Board needs to revisit to decide what priority will be for her and schedule. Paying of her invoice was approved.
- Jeanette still needs help vetting and recruiting volunteers. Shelley asked members of the board for a volunteer to head this committee but no one stepped up.
- Steve Fulton of the Ontario Genealogy Society will be visiting our library November 10th at 2pm to look at our Canadian collection.
- It was brought up that the cameras haven't been installed yet. Shelley will reach out to Melissa at NCHS.
- Dawn asked that librarians listen to voicemail if blinking.
- Working day in the library will be Nov 16th at 9am
- A couple of shelves in library still need to be anchored.
- Carolyn Epps donated Funeral Cards. Jeanette to do a FB post looking for more donations.

Membership- 235 members, 938 fans on Facebook, 44 followers on blog

Programs-

Program meeting was held in October. We are excited about the upcoming schedule.

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

Newsletter-

- ~~1. March 2019 – Famous Families of Niagara County~~
- ~~2. June 2019 – Finding your Birthparents~~
- ~~3. September 2019 – BMD Records in NCGS library – Shelley will send for review~~
4. December 2019 – Member Stories DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS 11/20

Nominating Committee- 4 board seats will be vacant next year. Janice Wiegley requested to not run on the ballot. Barb Newman stepped down for personal reasons. Joanne Stoll and Kevin Gaskill will be on the ballot. Shelley asked for additional suggestions.

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 in January and also help with website.

Correspondence- nothing to report

Archives- This was put on hold until more critical positions (ex. Library, Recording Secretary) have been filled.

Auditing- nothing to report

Acquisitions – nothing to report

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.
- We are now a family search library affiliate.

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, January 7th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Carol DiPirro-Stipkovits