

## **NIAGARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 11, 2018

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

**Attendance:** Shelley attended via telephone; Janice attended even though her term starts in January; Barbara absent; everyone else present (note: Jim is no longer on the Board and was not present).

**Approval of Minutes:** Cindy W. moved, Dawn seconded, approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported a balance of \$4,639.68 on 9/30/18 (approx. \$5,200 for shelving). There was discussion of trimming costs.

**Membership Report:** Dawn reported 234 active members, 762 followers on Facebook.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Programs:

September – “DNA” was presented by Lou Omel on Wednesday, September 26. Good program, about 40 people attended, lots of questions. It was suggested we have a DNA program every year, always well attended.

October – “Cemetery Panel” on Wednesday, October 24 with Shelley Richards and Pete Ames. Craig Kerrison is going to be on vacation and cannot serve as third panel member; Mike Niethe is now Superintendent of Glenwood. Shelley will contact him to see if he can be part of panel. Shelley will serve as moderator.

Computer/Web Site: business as usual.

Correspondence: receiving lots of questions through the website. Some people looking for researchers for hire. We are no longer able to refer to Jim as his business doesn't do that anymore. Shelley is willing to do research for hire now that she is retired.

#### Library: Jeanette and Shelving Committee

1. We received an email from Melissa that we had to clear the area in our library leading to the back stairs as it's an emergency exit. There needs to be 40" of clearance. Shelley and Sandy came in and took care of moving as much as they could. Melissa will find a new home for the wooden cabinet and purchase shelving like ours to hold the Historical Societies' books. She will also weed through them so there's not so many.
2. Jeanette described her ideas for placement of the copier, Skinner collection, shelving in the welcome area, etc.
3. Shelley has not heard from The Library Store and will keep after them.

#### Newsletter: Shelley – themes for 2018

1. September 2018 – What is in the NCGS Library? Shelley still needs two articles; Cindy R. is working on one and Jeanette suggested Shelley could use one of the blog suggestions as the other.

2. December 2018 – Member stories – Will put in an article soliciting these. Dawn sent a notice to the membership.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Elections**

- a. Shelley welcomed Janice Wiegley to the NCGS Board.
- b. Carol will write the ballot to include Shelley, Cindy R., Jeanette and Denise Knox (*note: Denise later dropped out*); Cindy R. will send her a sample of one done in previous years. Sandy will conduct the balloting as Carol will not be able to attend meeting. Each candidate will provide a brief bio to the membership.

### **New Business:**

1. NCGS Blog idea: Carol discussed her marketing ideas for the blog.
  - a. She feels we should do 12/month (that would be 3/week) on a schedule, such as Monday/Wednesday/Friday.
  - b. Jeanette has volunteered to do 4/month. She could do Wednesdays on the topic “what’s in the library” which would encourage researchers to come in when we open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - c. Carol will use her monthly newspaper article as one. Carol volunteered to do up a template with our info. She’ll use a free program for now, post the blog and then post it to our FB page.
  - d. She suggested the rest of the Board members each do one to complete the remaining 7. She brought up many ideas for articles. She wants us to send them to her, she’ll proofread and edit, if necessary, for quality control.
  - e. Projected start date January 1, 2019.
2. Finances: table for next meeting. Sandy will prepare an outline of what we pay so we can evaluate items for trimming.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Program Meeting – Wednesday October 24 at 7:00 pm (elections).
- Board Meeting – Tuesday November 6 at 6:30 pm.
- 2019 Program Planning – Thursday November 15 at 6:30 pm.
- December Board meeting – Tuesday, December 4 – dinner at Libros on Cambell Blvd. Carol made reservations. *Time?*

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Ribbeck*