

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
General Meeting

Meeting Place Rehoboth Beach Public Library
Upstairs Meeting Room
226 Rehoboth Ave.
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting Date November 20, 2004

Meeting Time 10:30AM

Call to Order President Audrey Sensale

President's Remarks Audrey recommended asking family at Thanksgiving questions concerning family history. She also gave the results of the survey that was taken at the October meeting that will give guidance to the society on how to proceed. The smallest group was those needing help navigating the internet. The group that had the highest interest was military records, church records and probate and wills. Items that were not on the questionnaire but in which there was interest were historical time lines and brickwalls. The group hopes to proceed with these suggestions starting in January.

Secretary The minutes of the October 16, 2004 meeting were accepted with one correction.

Treasurer The balance is \$461.61 as of this date. \$15.00 was spent on flowers for Pat Bray.

Committee Reports Membership - Carolyn Miller: welcomed everyone. Applications for membership are available. Need 7 people to bring in about 3 dozen cookies for the December social. Please sign attendance sheet. If change e-mail address please notify Board immediately. Also notify board if there is a special problem or set-up with computer. Please return nametags at end of meeting.

The newsletter is now on the Website, no longer have to worry about receiving it on the e-mail. Website is SCGSDelaware.org. The Byelaws are also on the website. The newsletter is in printable form and also the byelaws. If don't have e-mail, notify Fred so that the newsletter can be mailed out.

Service - Holly Wright: There are two boxes available, (1) Suggestions, (2) Sir-Names data base with instructions as to what name is being researched. This will be placed on the website but your identification data will not be published. Your identification will not be placed on the website so you wouldn't be open to Spam. Also looking for suggestions for service projects. At December meeting will bring in catalogues on genealogy from all over the United States. The December meeting will be held on December 11, 2004 at 10:30AM. The Publicity subcommittee and bus trips are part of the service committee.

Announcements So far the groups has donated 5 books to the library. This comes from the book

fund. A basket is placed at the door for donations. I have been able to buy the following books: Genealogy On Line, 6th edition., Using the Internet, Basic, Finding Your Roots Online, The Genealogist Companion and Sourcebook, and The Genealogist Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors. These books are all in the library. Audrey was able to visit with Pat Bray. Last month provided information concerning General Registry Office in England, offers online service for ancestors in England and Wales.

Old Business Audrey is still looking for a Rules Committee Chairperson. Need person who is familiar with this type of position. See Audrey after meeting if interested.

New Business Audrey would like to appoint an Education Committee. This will enable the group to begin planning. This will probably be one in which Lynne and Audrey start off and hopefully others will be willing to help. Tables are being used today because of requests for a writing service and also makes for a more sociable atmosphere.

Program Holly Wright introduced speaker, F. Edward Wright of Colonial Roots. Topic: "Pitfalls and Pratsfalls in Genealogy." This was a very interesting topic and generated many comments and questions. Mr. Wright passed out several very informative and useful handouts with suggestions on how to approach obstacles that are encountered in genealogical research.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 12Noon.

Submitted by

Marjorie F. Frampton, Secretary