

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

Meeting Date: May 21, 2005

Call to Order: President Audrey Sensale

President's Remarks: At this last meeting of our first year, and before the elections, I would like to honor those who have made our fledgling year so successful. First our officers, Lynne Hooker, Vice-President, Marjorie Frampton, Secretary, Gene Chap, Treasurer, Thank you for all your hard work. Our chairmen, Carolyn Miller, Membership, Fred Schiding, Newsletter and Historian, Holly Wright, Service Committee and Website, Judy Lally, Awards and Book Fund, Ron Ray, Publicity. Marge LaFond, Head Librarian of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library and her staff, thanks for all your hard work. (The above all received plaques of appreciation). And to those who helped in so many other ways...speakers, setting up tables and chairs, the overhead projector, picking up the mail, helping with hospitality, sitting in for the secretary, thank you for all you have done. Judy Lally will take over the Service Committee (Awards committee) and Ron Ray will remain on the Public Relations Committee until he moves from the area. The first Francis R. (Pat) Bray, Jr. Award for distinguished service to the Society is being awarded to Audrey Lynne Sensale for all her hard work on developing the logo, stationary, etc for the Society.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes for the April 18, 2005 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$629.91, Income of \$174.00, Expenses of \$50.94 leaving a balance at the end of April of \$752.97. The Designated Book Fund has an Ending Balance of \$173.05. Total Cash available is \$579.92. The report was approved as presented and will be filed for Audit. The prior year's reports have been audited and were found to be complete and accurate.

Membership: The renewal form is available. Carolyn has reviewed the application and she stressed the importance of correct e-mail addresses. The dues will remain the same. The Society will join the Ellis Island link. The Membership brochure will have an insert list of meetings for 2005-2006. This will be sent out during the summer. The website address is scgsdelaware.org.

Newsletter: There are only 6 members who the newsletter must be mailed to. Fred needs articles for the newsletter. He requested that they be e-mailed to him for easy insertion in the newsletter.

Publicity: Tom Roche e-mailed the announcement of the meeting to all members.

Service Committee: There is another trip scheduled for a Saturday in July. Judy Lally will be handling the reservations.

Historian: Audrey read the thank you letters from Elizabeth Bray and the Friends of the Archives for the Society's donation in Pat Bray's name.

Education Committee: The work of this committee has been completed. The committee is now discharged.

Awards and Book Fund: Audrey explained about the Stern NARA Gift Fund. This fund is run by FGS and SCGS is the only Delaware listing. The fund was set up to help provide what the government is unable to provide. Audrey recommended and it was approved by all present, that \$1.00 per member is sent to the fund each year. Since the book fund has a balance, it was recommended that everyone be reminded to place their dollar in the basket as they leave the meeting.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers was presented. President - Audrey Sensale; Vice-President - Lynne Hooker; Secretary - Nancy R. Purchase; and Treasurer - Gene Chap. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, the Secretary was instructed to record the unanimous vote. Audrey then announced the following committee chairpersons for the next term: Membership - Carolyn Miller; Newsletter - Fred Schiding; Service - Judy Lally; Rules - Francis Frampton; Public Relations - Ron Ray; Historian - Fred Schiding and Audit - Al Beasley. Audrey then thanked all for the work that has been done to keep the organization successful.

New Business: It was announced that there is a collection of photographs taken at Ellis Island by Augustus Sherman. This will open in July. There are 150 photographs taken during the period of 1905 - 1920. Al Beasley is trying to identify those persons appearing in the photographs.

Program: Agnes Brien was the Master of Ceremony for the Show and Tell presentation of heirlooms by members of the Society. Each person was given three minutes to tell about the item they had brought. The items ranged from military records and pictures, family trees, linens, books and pictures showing multiple generations of families.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM