

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: December 17, 2005

Call to Order: President Audrey Sensale welcomed us at 10:30 a.m.

President's Remarks: See attached sheet with Presidents remarks. Officers, Committee Chairs and Webmaster were recognized and applauded.

The Society will be collecting donations at each meeting for the book fund.

Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read by Secretary Nancy Purchase.

Treasurers Report: Jim Blakeslee, Assistant Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. We have approximately \$735 in treasury, including \$95 in the book fund. The report was filed as read.

Membership: Carolyn Miller expressed a thank you to all those who brought refreshments.

Carolyn reported that the idea for a Speakers Bureau came up this summer when members were delivering society brochures and were asked to give a program to a Senior Center. Carolyn Miller brought the idea of a Speakers Bureau to the board meeting. Ralph Nelson agreed to help. The Society plans to use it as a membership marketing tool as well as for community outreach. One part will be an informative plug for SCGS and the second part will be entertainment. Carolyn Miller will present the SCGS and its goals and Ralph Nelson will give a presentation called "Mommy where did I come from?" - a plug for doing basic genealogy and how a person can look into his/her own family, The Speakers Bureau is open to every member of SCGS and if you are interested please let Carolyn know. The Bureau is planning to do one program per month to start out. If any of our members belong to other groups, those will take precedence over other organizations. The Bureau plans to book up to eight months ahead. Ralph booked the Georgetown Historical Society at Marvel Museum for January 9th. He has Power Point presentation capability. A request was made for the members to be able to see this presentation - perhaps in a special SCGS program. (Action item.)

Newsletter: Fred Schiding is getting ready for the end of the year newsletter.

Public relations: Tom Roche has sent out meeting notices.

Rules: Francis Frampton states that he and Audrey are working on a Policies and Procedure Manual.

Service: Judy Lally. We have purchased the book Online Roots by Pamela Boyer Porter and Amy Johnson Crow, published in 2003, for the Rehoboth Library. These books are obtained from Hamilton booksellers or from Ed and Holly Wright's bookstore, Colonial Roots.

Discussion group: SCGS plans to conduct special Discussion Groups twice a year, spring and fall, each covering an eight week period and if necessary, this will be continued in a second session.

For those interested in learning more about Family Tree Maker and other genealogy programs, there will be a planning meeting Tues Jan 17th 2-4pm at the Rehoboth Library. This will be continued in a second session on the following Tuesday. Then Family Tree Maker, or the chosen genealogy program, will be presented to the entire membership. All are welcome to attend the planning sessions.

Certificate of Appreciation: A certificate of appreciation was presented to Judy Lally for coordinating our bus trips to Washington D.C. We are in need of a new trip coordinator for next year.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Program: Holiday Party

Adjourn at: 11:05 to enjoy the Holiday party.

Submitted by: Nancy Purchase, Secretary.