

Sussex County Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: April 22, 2006 at 10:32 a.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Lynn Hooker announced that President Audrey Sensale is home recovering nicely from surgery. SCGS sent flowers to Audrey.

President's Remarks: Audrey's remarks were read by Lynn. See attached.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes of the March 18 General Meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee reported that we had an opening balance of \$393.85 in the treasury with \$87 received from dues and \$20 from speaker's bureau. \$157.88 from the book fund was spent to purchase new books for the library. The amount remaining in the treasury is \$342.97 with \$29.95 remaining in the book fund.

Membership: Carolyn Miller thanked Francis and Marjorie for covering for her last month. Carolyn passed out membership and address renewal forms, as dues are due.

Rules: Francis Frampton reported that we have a quorum present.

Upcoming Programs: Lynn Hooker announced that the program for next month's meeting will be an Heirloom "Show and Tell" in a round table format. It will also be election and installation of new officers. Voting will be by a showing of hands. If more than one person is running for a position, paper ballots will be distributed.

Lynn is putting together the programs for next year 2006-2007 and is interested in suggestions. You can e-mail her at [l.hooker@mchsi.com](mailto:l.hooker@mchsi.com). The meeting dates are set for the next year. There will be no deviations from the usual 3rd Saturday of each month.

Nominating Committee: Carolyn, Judy Lally and Lynn were on the nominating committee. The officers they presented for next year are: President, Jeanne Davis; Vice President, Lynn Hooker; Treasurer, Jim Blakeslee; Secretary, Nancy Purchase. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the General Meeting.

Newsletter: Absent. Lynn announced that the new Newsletter 'Searcher' is out on the website. She states that it is nicely done.

Public relations: Absent

Service: Judy Lally announced the bus trip to Washington DC, May 9 to the National Archives, DAR and Library of Congress. The cost will be \$28 for members. The book fund is down to less than \$30 so donations are appreciated. Francis Frampton reminded us of the Family Tree discussion group.

Old Business: The National Genealogical Conference is coming up June 7-10, 2006 in Chicago. The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference is in Boston, Aug. 30-Sept. 2. The First Statewide Pennsylvania Conference will be September 29-30th in Pittsburgh. Flyers are on the table for these upcoming event. Several of our members plan to attend one or more of these conferences.

New Business: Ruth Bishop bequeathed money to the FGS to fund an award for Volunteers. Lynn Hooker has nominated our President, Audrey Sensale, for the Volunteer of the Year Award and has received confirmation that the nomination has been received.

Concerning announcements, we want to make time for members and guests to make appropriate announcements at our meetings. Please notify the membership chair when you enter the meeting, that you wish to make an announcement.

Tom Roche asked if there are people interested in trips to more local archives/libraries, etc. One upcoming trip will be Wednesday, May 17th to The Maryland State Archives in Annapolis. The information will be in the Searcher. He also mentioned that on television on Sunday at 8 am on Channel 6/16 WBOC, Tom Summers will talk about the Delaware State Archives.

Agnes Brien announced that New York Genealogical & Biographical Society will meet April 30 - May 6th, in NY City. Her email address for further information is [ambob@splus.net](mailto:ambob@splus.net)

Adjourn at: The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Program: Our speaker, Ralph A. Riggin, spoke on two topics. Firstly he talked about The Willey-Outten murder case and its significance to the boundaries of Maryland and Delaware. The second topic was on the origins and migrations patterns of some significant Sussex County families. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Ralph by Agnes Brien.

Submitted by: Nancy Purchase, Secretary.