

Sussex County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
March 17, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Jeanne Davis

Jeanne opened the meeting by reading a poem.

Secretary's Report: Sally Nelson read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as corrected (change of time for Laurel Library's meeting group to read 1:00 to 3:00)

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee reported the opening balance was \$823.99. \$37 was added from dues and book fund collections. Ending balance was 846 (book fund 88.26 and 302 in the contingency fund)

Membership Report: Carolyn Miller welcomed everyone and introduced guests. Kaylene brought 2 guests with her and Mildred and Don Wiedeman from Bethany Beach. Mildred is active in the South Coastal Library's genie group. Also Betsy Shockley from Frankford visited.

Carolyn also reminded members to check their badges. If they have a blue dot on them, they need to pick up their membership directory.

Public Relations: Ralph Nelson announced that we are getting good response from the local news media on our meetings. He asked the members to clip them when they see them so that we can give them to the Historian for her records.

Ralph also announced two upcoming meetings of interest. First, on March 24 the Fairfax and Mt. Vernon Genealogical Societies are having a one-day conference featuring 4 nationally-known speakers and 20 sessions. Second, also on March 24, the Delaware Genealogical Society will sponsor a trip to Fort DuPont's new Conference Center. The day will include a tour and their reference room will be open to researchers. Also refreshments will be available, but we need to give DGS advance notice.

Newsletter: Sally Nelson announced the deadline for articles for the April/May issue was that day. Please send articles to her at aluminmug@aol.com. She had some copies of the current issue for people to pick up. Please let guests have first choice or those who do not have internet access.

Sally also reminded everyone of the Downstate Genealogical Society's meeting that afternoon.

Also, the bus trips to Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Downstate Genealogical Society are scheduled but changes have been made to pick up points and fees. Handouts were available for anyone interested.

Announcements:

Shirley Herndon announced she would be speaking on March 21 at the Bridgeville Historical Society's Spring meeting. Her topic will be on bounty lands. These are lands given to soldiers in lieu of payment for services rendered.

Francis Frampton announced the continuation of the Discussion Group meetings. The next meeting would cover the LDS Family History Centers and NARA. On April 3 the group will discuss the Historical Society in Philadelphia and the DAR. If time allows, there will also be a presentation by Ralph on large conferences—how to prepare for them and what to do after them.

Peg Baunchalk moved we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Francis Frampton. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Lynne Hooker introduced our speaker, Peggy McKenzie. Peggy gave a great lesson on reading German script.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson