

**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: November 17, 2007

Call to Order & President's Remarks: Jeanne Davis, President, passed out an attendance sign-in sheet in the absence of our Membership chair, Carolyn Miller. Sally Nelson greeted people at the door and collected money for the tombstone rubbing paper.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the last General Meeting, October 20, 2007 as taken by Sally Nelson. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee read the treasurer's report, which is the same as reported at the November Board Meeting. We have 82 paid members. SCGS has a bank account balance of \$1209.38. This balance includes a Book Fund balance of \$100.86, a Contingency Fund balance of \$618.19 and a Speakers Bureau Fund balance of \$50.00. The Pin Fund is now included in the Contingency Fund.

SCGS received a check for \$363.00 for our participation at the Roadhouse Steak Joint in Rehoboth.

Membership cards have been mailed out to those who failed to pick them up at previous meetings. Membership in the Society includes the privilege of signing out our library reference books.

Membership: Jeanne Davis mentioned that Scott Sipple gave a talk at our last meeting about tombstone rubbings. He has offered to order the special blue-print type paper for us, at cost. The paper is 26 inches wide and should keep indefinitely if it is kept in a dry dark place. The cost will be \$25.00 per roll and they will be available for pickup at our December 15th meeting. Sally took orders for Carolyn.

Announcements: Norm Montigny has accepted the position of Publicity and Public Relations Chairperson. He will begin his duties at the next Board meeting.

Norma Jean Fowler, Adult Services Librarian at Laurel, DE, announced a new book by Michael G. Hitch on *Adam Hitch (1658-1731) of Old Somerset in ye Province of Maryland - His Descendants*, by Outskirts Press, Inc., Denver, CO. This book features western Sussex County.

Past President Audrey Sensale, spoke for Gene Chap, about the SCGS Book Fund. She bought *Family Tree Problem Solver* by Marsha Hoffman Rising. The bookplate expresses our thanks to Shirley Herndon for her dedicated service to SCGS. Unfortunately, Shirley was not present to receive this honor.

Tom Roche expressed that he is having problems with Yahoo.com. He asked us to let him know if we are not getting his e-mail messages.

Ralph Nelson spoke with the editor of *The News Journal* and they will have a follow up article about SCGS in their Crossroads section, with references to The Speakers Bureau. There will be a write-up on the tombstones rubbings and a piece on Ralph's Carey family as well as his "Mommy program."

Adjourn: Sally moved and Tom seconded that we adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Secretary

Program: Ralph Nelson introduced Nancy Lyons, who spoke on *Where to Begin and/or What Might be Overlooked*. Following her excellent program, Jeanne presented Nancy with a Certificate of Appreciation and a set of SCGS note cards.