

**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: February 16, 2008

Call to Order and Welcome: Ralph Nelson, Vice President and Acting President.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the last General Meeting, January 19, 2008. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee read the treasurer's report, which is the same as reported at the February Board Meeting. SCGS has \$1,599.07 in the account which includes \$451.27 in the General Fund, \$1,031.19 in the Contingency Fund, \$91.91 in the Book Fund and the Speakers Bureau Fund \$50. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

President's Remarks: Ralph Nelson showed a military draft registration card for a 60+ year old as an example of a document we might not be aware existed.

Membership: Carolyn Miller thanked all for coming. We had 13 guests who were introduced or asked to introduced themselves.

Speakers Bureau: The SB will be speaking March 12 at Milton Public Library and March 26 will do a youth program at the Milton library.

Public Relations: Norm Montigny asked guests to include their e-mail address on the attendance sheet that was being circulated.

Service Committee: Marilyn McMahon for Gene Chap introduced the Spring Discussion Group which will begin on Tuesdays from 2-4p.m. starting February 26, 2008 in this room.

Newsletter: Sally Nelson. The next deadline for submissions to the newsletter is March 15, 2008. Please submit any articles, comments, query's to her before that time.

2008 Survey: We have obtained a survey response from about 30% of the membership, at this time. Blank surveys are available if you haven't filled yours out yet.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A nominating Committee needs to be chosen. Anyone interested in being on this committee please speak to Ralph after the meeting.

Book Fund: Audrey Sensale announced that if you show your SCGS membership card to the librarian, you will get a small logo to attached to it which will allow you to sign-out genealogy reference books. This is also true for the books on our overflow cart which we keep upstairs.

Audrey showed the newest book that SCGS is donating to the library. "Trace your Roots with DNA. Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree" by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak and Ann Turner.

Announcements: The next SCGS General Meeting will be here on March 15, 2008. The speaker will be Shirley Arnell on LDS Research and the Latest Updates. Early 2008 releases of on-line research capabilities will be covered in her presentation.

Nancy read a thank you card from Marge LaFond thanking us for the books donated to the library in honor of her son.

Shirley has Book 2 of Tombstones of Sussex County on sale in the front of the room for \$30. She announced the classes that she is teaching including genealogy online and an in-depth study of Ancestry.com.

Adjourn at: Peg Baunchalk moved and Diann Sherwin seconded that we adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Secretary

Program: Ralph Nelson introduced Mark Manno who spoke on Italian Genealogy. His talk was entitled "You Don't Know Where Your Going if You Don't Know Where You've Been."

Our speaker was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Ralph Nelson and an SCGS lapel pin.