

**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: May 17, 2008

Welcome & President's Remarks: President Jeanne Davis welcomed all.

Announcements: Jeanne announced that SCGS is in the process of buying two more tables for the upstairs meeting room. These will be presented to the Rehoboth Beach Public Library to show our appreciation for their allowing us to meet there.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the last General Meeting, April 19, 2008 and they were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee read the treasurer's report as reported as the May 5 Board Meeting. As of April 30, we have \$1840.51 in the bank with 39 members paid (25 Single and 14 Family memberships). The General Fund Balance was \$228.39, the Book Fund Balance was \$126.91, the Contingency Fund Balance was \$1051.19 and the Speakers Bureau Fund Balance was \$51.02. The report will be filed subject to audit.

Jim announced that thanks to our new Webmaster, our website has a 'Member's Only' section that requires a username and password. When you renew your membership, your membership card will have the username and password on the back. He passed out the new cards to the members who were present who had renewed as of the last meeting. Cards will be mailed out to any other new members and those who have renewed but are not here to pick them up.

Membership: Carolyn Miller thanked all for coming and introduced our one guest from Rehoboth Beach. She informed members that the password protected 'members only' area of the SCGS website will contain our names, e-mail addresses (not street addresses) and phone numbers.

Past President: Audrey Sensale announced that the Georgetown Library is having a fund raiser on Monday at Roadhouse Steakhouse Joint in Rehoboth. A portion of the entire day's proceeds will go to the library. Between 8pm and 10 p.m., they will hold a raffle. Audrey ended with a plea to eat at the restaurant to "Support the library system that has been so good to us."

Service Committee: Marilyn McMahon announced:

1. A return trip to the National Archives (NARA) in Washington D.C. will be this Thursday, May 22, 2008. We will carpool to the Metro at New Carrollton and take the train into D.C. Please let Marilyn or Sally know if you would like to attend.
2. Certificates of Appreciation were presented. The first one went to Holly Wright, in absentia, for being our Webmaster from SCGSs inception. Richard Cleaveland has now taken over as our new Webmaster. A second Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Nancy Purchase for her three years of service as Secretary for SCGS.
3. The Computer Genealogy Group is trying various venues, dates and times, until we see which suits most people. The next meeting will be at Cadbury Retirement Center on the Thursday June 5th from 7 - 9 p.m. The topic will be on organizing and storing your genealogy information on the computer. Directions on how to get to Cadbury will be on the Website.

Election of Officers for 2008-2009: Marilyn McMahon announced the Nominating Committee's choices. Each officer was introduced and nominations were solicited from the floor. There were none.

President: Jeanne Davis

Vice President: Ralph Nelson

Treasurer: Jim Blakeslee

Secretary: Diann Sherwin. As our new board member, Diann was asked to tell us a little about herself.

All in favor of electing the slate of nominees as presented, were asked to say Aye. All were in favor, there were no Nays. Marilyn asked the newly elected officers to rise and asked if they were willing to serve in the elected office. All said Aye.

Two new books have been purchased for the library; Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929, A Family Chronicle Publication, editors Halvor Moorshead & Jeff Chapman and More Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929 edited by Marc Skelnick. Also to be donated are two CD's on African American Lives I & II, Their Past was Lost - Until Now by Kunhardt Productions and Thirteen/Wnet, New York. These were excellent PBS TV programs.

New Business: Ralph Nelson attended the 'photo op.' this a.m. which was required in order for SCGS to hold a fund raiser at the Roadhouse Steakhouse Joint next year. He has scheduled this event for October 14, 2008 from 6-8 p.m. We will supply hosts and hostesses and receive 10% of the restaurant's proceeds for the entire day. Jeanne thanked Ralph for doing this.

Ralph announced a job position available for a genealogist in Washington D.C. which carried a good salary as an example of how one can make money in genealogy.

Adjourn at: Carolyn moved and Diann seconded that we adjourn. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Secretary

Refreshments were served: Carolyn had obtained the refreshments for us. A sheet cake with SCGS logo was lovely and tasty.

Program: Marilyn McMahon introduced Sue Rowland of First State Photo in Rehoboth. Sue spoke on photo restoration and showed examples of her work. She presented us with coupons that will allow SCGS members a 20% discount on photo restorations at her shop.

Audrey Sensale introduced our program today - our genealogy "Show and Tell" where individual members share research experiences, publications and memorabilia with the group. This will be our final program of the season. Our next meeting will be the 3rd Saturday in September.