

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2008

President Jeanne Davis called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. at the Rehobeth Beach Public Library. Vice President Ralph Nelson, who had to leave the meeting early, announced that the NABB Center is calling for articles for its June issue of Shorelines. Deadline for submission is April 29. He also reported that Colonial Roots has contacted SCGS about cosponsoring a genealogy conference at Washington College. He has heard nothing more from DelTech about a proposed joint project. Ralph also reported that the transfer of WAVE archives has been completed. There is a possibility of an additional newspaper becoming available for archiving. Finally, he announced that the January general meeting program will be “Growing Up Black in Lewes.”

Secretary Diann Sherwin read the minutes of the November meeting, written by Nancy Purchase, and they were approved as presented. Jim Blakeslee gave the Treasurer’s Report, noting that total receipts for November were \$638.36 and disbursements were \$100. giving an end of month balance of \$2,473.37. Membership chair Carolyn Miller welcomed everyone and introduced a guest.

Marilyn McMahon spoke regarding Service Committee activities. Genealogy Bytes next meeting on Thursday, January 8, at the Milton Public Library at 2 p.m. will feature an open discussion. The February topic will be the use of Heritage Quest and other sites available through the library system. Marilyn asked for suggestions for topics that would encourage additional people to attend. She also mentioned the possibility of a workshop on setting up a genealogy website. She asked for a show of hands of those interested. Marilyn also announced that April 22nd is the date of the annual Genealogy Open House at NARA. She mentioned a number of other genealogy programs that NARA is presenting. Carolyn Miller said that the Sussex County Cousins group will not meet again until spring.

Publicity Chair Norm Montigny reported that the SCGS meeting announcement appeared in several local newspapers. Dick Cleaveland

said that he plans to invite residents of Cadbury to attend the next meeting.

Peggy Fisher announced that the Selbyville Library genealogy group continues to meet at 11 a.m. on the first Friday of the month, except that January's meeting will be the second Friday.

Dick Cleaveland announced that the Cadbury library has a copy of a book titled Land Records of Sussex County. Contact him if interested in the book.

Nancy Purchase moved and Norm Montigny seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was approved at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Sherwin, Secretary

Program: Carolyn Miller and her husband provided delicious holiday refreshments. Members shared research experiences, including heritage trips, family societies, contacts made, the Sussex County Cousins meeting, Ancestry's "Scrapbook" feature, and a testimony regarding the motivational value of membership in the society.