

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 17, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Jeanne Davis.

Sally Nelson served as Acting Secretary. The minutes from the December 20, 2008 meeting were read. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Jim Blakeslee reported the Society had \$2,452.30 as of the end of December 2008. The report was accepted, subject to audit.

Jeanne Davis announced that the Society's by-laws were being reviewed. She encouraged everyone to look at the by-laws that are available on the SCGS web site. Any comments; suggestions should be sent to her. The proposed revised by-laws will be e-mailed to all members and hard copies will be provided to members without e-mails.

Marilyn McMahon announced the next Genealogy Bytes meeting will be held at the Milton Public Library on Thursday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. The topic will be Heritage Quest and other library computer assets. She asked everyone attending to have their library cards and pin numbers available.

Marilyn announced that the Spring Discussion Group would run April 7 through May 12. A planning session to decide the topic(s) would be held on Thursday, February 19, at 2:00. The meeting will be in the upstairs meeting room of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library.

Carolyn Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced we had 4 guests.

Carolyn announced that Nancy Purchase will be doing a Speakers Bureau presentation to the Men's Group at St. Ann's Church in Ocean View on Tuesday, January 20.

Carolyn announced that the Sussex County Cousins Special Interest Group will meet at the Laurel Public Library on Wednesday, April 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The previous meeting was attended by people from five states and she anticipates seven states will be represented this time.

Jeanne Davis recognized Marilyn McMahon for her efforts as Service Committee Chairman.

Ralph Nelson announced the SCGS involvement with an upcoming genealogy conference at Chestertown, Maryland, was still in planning. This conference will be co-sponsored by the Maryland Genealogical Society and the Downstate Genealogical Society and Upper Shore Genealogical Society and the Delaware Genealogical

Society. The potential dates are October 10 or October 17. Our participation will be minimal but good experience for future conferences.

Ralph announced the February 21 meeting will feature Shirley Arnell from the Family History Center in Dover who will talk about the most recent changes in on-line searches.

Jeanne Davis announced that she will be forming a nominating committee. She asked that members consider holding offices.

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Sally Nelson, Acting Secretary.

Ralph Nelson introduced Esthelda (Stell) Parker Selby and Louis Riley as the speakers. Stell and Louis spoke on growing up black in Sussex County and their genealogical history.