

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of General Membership Meeting February 21, 2009

The meeting was held at the Rehoboth Beach Library and was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Vice President Ralph Nelson, who welcomed everyone. He introduced the program speaker, Shirley Arnell. She spoke about the Scanstone project of Family Search (historically known as the Genealogical Society of Utah.) She provided handouts and used the internet to show examples of the digitizing of the microfilm collection, and she described how people might participate. Ralph presented Shirley with a certificate of appreciation.

Following Shirley's presentation, Ralph described next month's program and other upcoming activities. Then he turned the meeting over to President Jeanne Davis. The minutes of the January General Meeting were approved as read. Secretary Diann Sherwin read the Treasurer's Report in Jim Blakeslee's absence. It was accepted subject to audit.

Jeanne Davis presented the Membership Committee report in Carolyn Miller's absence. Norma Jean Fowler described plans for the spring meeting of the Sussex County Cousins on April 1st at the Laurel Library. Jean asked guests to introduce themselves, and there were five.

Marilyn McMahon announced the March 5th meeting of the Genealogy Bytes group, the topic of which is the Family Search project. Marilyn also described the course that Dick Cleaveland will be offering in the fall on creating your own genealogy web site. Requirements will be listed in the Searcher newsletter. Marilyn also announced that the society will be offering some segments of the American Lives series on June 19. She described the spring discussion series to be offered in April and early May, and announced the NARA Genealogy Fair in April. Finally, she displayed the new bags the society has available for sale.

Sally Nelson announced that a few copies of the newsletter were available at the meeting. Ralph asked everyone to complete a survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Diann Sherwin, Secretary