

SUSESX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
General Membership Meeting  
April 18, 2009

The Sussex County Genealogical Society met at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library. President Jeanne Davis called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Secretary Diann Sherwin read the minutes of the March general membership meeting, and they were approved as read. Treasurer Jim Blakeslee presented his report. He stated that the bank balance was \$2,093 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. During the month, receipts were \$189 and disbursements were \$133.10, leaving a balance of \$2,148.90.

Carolyn Miller, Membership Chair, was absent. President Jeanne Davis asked guests to introduce themselves. Service Chair Marilyn McMahon announced several items: 1) Genealogy Bytes will meet on May 7, and Ted Mason will lead a discussion of the Cousins Connection site. 2) April 21<sup>st</sup> discussion group will be on canals and railroads. 3) Sussex County Cousins group event on April 1 drew 35 people from six states. 4) Canvas bags, society pins, and sweatshirts are available for purchase.

Nancy Purchase, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for the next year: President, Ralph Nelson; Vice President, Al Lister; Secretary, Diann Sherwin; Treasurer, Carolyn Miller. There were not additional nominations from the floor. Election will take place at the May meeting.

Ralph Nelson, Vice President and Program Chair, described the two upcoming field trips: the genealogy workshops at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. next Wednesday and Thursday, and the LDS program in Kensington, MD, on Saturday. Both are free.

Jeanne Davis noted the availability of information about the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Diann Sherwin, Secretary

Ralph Nelson introduced the program. He first showed samples of related materials available, and then described how he found the speaker, Fred Seyfert, who portrays Reverend Isaac Handy. He provided biographical information on Dr. Seyfert who then presented a view of the Civil War's effect on those at home as well as something about the experience of prisoners.