

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Membership Meeting
May 16, 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. Secretary Diann Sherwin read the minutes of the April general meeting, and they were approved as read. According to Treasurer Jim Blakeslee, the society's bank balance on April 1st was \$2,148.90. During the month, receipts were \$430 and \$50.20 was disbursed, giving a balance on April 30th of \$2,528.70, subject to bank reconciliation. There are 103 paid members in FY2009, and members have begun paying their dues for FY 2010.

Membership chair Carolyn Miller introduced a guest who is joining the society. Carolyn reminded members that dues should be submitted by June 1.

Marilyn McMahon, Service Committee chair reported: (1) the final discussion group meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at the library, a "brick wall" session; (2) Genealogy Bytes will meet June 4 at Milton Public Library, 2-4 p.m., discussing the computer site Footnote. (3) Planning for the fall discussion group will occur during the summer, and Marilyn will send an e-mail to members soliciting ideas. (4) Another Family History Center workshop will occur in Newark on August 1st. More details to come.

Nancy Purchase, Chair of the nominating committee introduced the slate of candidates for office in the society, including some biographical information on each. Jeanne conducted the election of officers, all of whom were elected by voice vote: Ralph Nelson, President; Al Lister, Vice President; Diann Sherwin, Secretary; and Carolyn Miller, Treasurer. Nancy administered the oath of office to them.

On behalf of the society, Ralph Nelson presented Jeanne Davis with gifts of appreciation for her service.

Ralph announced some committee chairs: Jim Blakeslee, Audit; Nancy Purchase, Membership; Sally Nelson, Newsletter; and Marilyn McMahon, Service. Ralph invited volunteers for other positions and talked about the benefits of serving.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and refreshments were served, including a birthday cake celebrating the society's 5th anniversary. Ralph and Sally played a slide show of photos from the society's history. Then members shared memorabilia from their genealogy work. Several "serendipity" stories were told, and Ralph suggested that members provide examples to Sally for the newsletter.