

Sussex County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2009

President Ralph Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:40AM in the upstairs meeting room of the Rehoboth Library. He requested that the SCGS members who would be attending the Memorial Service for Audrey Sensale wear their SCGS lapel pins. He also reminded everyone to support the SCGS fund raiser on November 2 at The Roadhouse Steak Joint.

Carolyn Miller read the minutes of the September general meeting. They were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Carolyn Miller gave the Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$2802.87. Receipts were \$90 and there were no expenditures, resulting in a balance of \$2892.87 as of September 30, 2009.

On behalf of Nancy Purchase, Cathy Hudson welcomed the members and asked the two guests to introduce themselves.

Ralph Nelson reported that his presentation to the Reliance, Delaware 4-H Club has been postponed, once again, and rescheduled for November.

Service Committee chair, Marilyn McMahon, said that there are five remaining meetings of the Tuesday Discussion group. The topic is the Research Process. The next meeting of the Genealogy Bytes group will be Thursday, November 5 with Nancy Purchase speaking about cemetery records on-line. The December meeting will be on the topic of the digitalization of NARA records. The topic, genealogical scrap booking, has been tentatively scheduled for the January meeting. Marilyn asked that members contact her in regard to their interest in taking field trips to repositories of genealogical interest.

Jeanne Davis, Immediate Past President and By-Laws committee chair, announced that the newly proposed By-Laws are available on the society's website. The changes from the current By-Laws made in the proposed By-Laws are highlighted in red for easy identification.

Ralph reported that Program Chair, Al Lister, has not been able to finalize the speaker for the November meeting at this time. Members will be notified by email when the speaker and topic are finalized.

Ralph also announced that the remaining *Wave* newspapers have been donated to the Nabb Center, Salisbury, MD. He also said that Patrick Varen, a reporter for *The Sussex Countian* newspaper (an affiliate of the *Dover Post*) will be writing an article of genealogical interest for the newspaper. Also of interest, he reported that major changes are being made at the National Archives in Washington DC that will restrict a

researcher's access to information at that repository.

Sally Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Gene Chap. Motion carried. Susan Rowland of First State Photo, Rehoboth Beach was the speaker on the topic of scanning your documents.

Carolyn Miller, Acting Secretary