

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Membership Meeting
May 21, 2011

President Ralph Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library. He welcomed everyone, noting that it is an historic day for the society, transitioning to its fourth administration. He spoke about his goals for his term and reviewed the many activities that have occurred. "We are progressing and growing," he said. Ralph then asked guests to introduce themselves.

The March minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Carolyn Miller reported that the Beginning Balance in the checking account was \$1,893.03. Income was \$524.50, and Expenses were \$139.43, leaving an Ending Balance of \$2,278.10. Vice President Al Lister asked for ideas for programs for the coming year. Membership Chair Nancy Purchase reported that 62 members have renewed their membership, with some additional ones received today. Twenty-eight people attended the April General meeting, including the speaker and three guests.

Ways and Means Chair Cathy Hudson pointed out items for sale, including magnifiers, and she noted that today's 50-50 will go to the Library Fund. Cathy said that her committee felt that the April 30 conference was a success, with about 100 attending. The evaluations indicated that most speakers were well received and the food was good. She reported that, after deducting expenses and seed money provided by the board of directors, profits from the Antiques Road Show and Bake Sale and sponsorships, the conference made a profit of \$1,727.23. Ralph distributed certificates of appreciation to conference sponsors who were present.

Education Chair Marilyn McMahon was absent. Nancy Purchase reported that the Discussion group is going well. Ralph reported for Sally that the deadline for the next newsletter is today. And he expressed Sally's appreciation for Dick Cleaveland's work on the web site. Ralph also reported a successful Speakers Bureau activity at

Smyrna Library, and said that a new genealogy group is being formed there.

Secretary Diann Sherwin reviewed the changes to the by-laws, which had previously been distributed to all members, and **she moved that the amendments be adopted. It was seconded, and** there being no further discussion, **the motion was approved without dissent.**

Election of Officers: Ralph reviewed the nominees for the four officers and asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, and the nominations were closed. As candidates were unopposed, Ralph declared them elected. The new officers are: President: Diann Sherwin; Vice President, Al Lister; Secretary, Carol Hedlund; and Treasurer, Carolyn Miller. Agnes Brien conducted the installation of the new officers.

Ralph distributed certificates of appreciation to his officers and others. Tom Dempsey won the 50-50 again! And the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 for refreshments. During the following Show and Tell, members presented a variety of items, including: a cross that came from Roscommon County Ireland with a member's great grandmother, a copy of a pension application for service during the War of 1812, a photo of a great grandson, a mother's toy bear, and a story about a member learning of family information back to 14th century Belgium. A visitor also told a favorite genealogy story from her family.

Diann Sherwin, Secretary