

MINUTES



SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Attendance: 14

Guests: 1

This week's guest was Joyce Rodriguez. Joyce's lineage includes the Bondurant Family. The Bondurant Family Association (BFA) traces their ancestry from Jean Pierre Bondurant, a French Huguenot who immigrated to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1700 to escape religious persecution in France after Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes.

The organization was formed in 1987 to save the gravesite of Jean Pierre and to share genealogy information among Bondurant descendants in America. The organization publishes quarterly newsletters documenting genealogy information provided by the membership. It holds an annual meeting of Bondurant relatives at various locations in the USA, which Joyce has attended. Additional information about the Association is available at bondurant-family.org/BFA/Index.

PROGRAM: Genealogy Shorts – Grand Army of The Republic (GAR) and Civil War Pensions presented by Mike Allen (Mystery Medal); Sally Daugherty (her relative's GAR experience, including being a national officer and the "last man standing" in his New York area); and Kevin Mittge (overview/handout).

Kevin encouraged members to send for pension records (the cost is \$80) from the National Archives, which often contain a wealth of genealogical material, most of which is not available on line and likely does not exist elsewhere. (<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/resources.html#pension>)

REFRESHMENTS: Sherri Spencer

RAFFLE: Karen Childs

BUSINESS MEETING: Called to order at 8:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The July 19 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balance \$3,818.07 as of September 20, 2017. This amount does not reflect the funds encumbered for the Annual Picnic - approximately \$150 is due.

Disbursements: None

Income: Membership Fees \$70.00

(Karen Mackenzie \$40; Mark & Sheila Buehrig \$30)

Brenda Gilmer completed the SGS audit and reported that funds balanced to the penny.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS:

Jackie Beveridge* and Pat Rongey reported on August's Irish/Scottish themed picnic, attended by approximately 47 people. Thanks were extended to committee members, chefs, and the bagpipe group, among others.

The April 14, 2018, DNA Seminar planning committee was on summer hiatus, but Kevin Mittge indicated they resume the planning activities beginning September 28. A flyer was provided with more information to come.

Mike Allen indicated SGS officers will also meet September 28.

Kevin said arrangements for the January 28, 2018, Living Voices event are complete. It will be held at the library and will open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments: Mike Allen, the new SGS President, noted this year's other officers include: Jackie Beveridge, Vice Chair; Joseph Culligan, Treasurer; and Sherri Spencer, Secretary. Ongoing SGS Committee Chairs include: 1) Programming - Kevin Mittge; 2) Refreshments - Brenda Gilmer; 3) Blog - Debbie Lobey; and 4) Fundraising Activities: Raffle - Karen Childs; and Ink and Cartridge Recycling - Pat Rongey.

Mike asked if any members are interested in fundraising during Octoberfest, chairing the Christmas or annual picnic events. It was decided that SGS will not be fundraising at this year's Octoberfest; and the Christmas event will be a simple pot luck. If anyone is interested in chairing the annual August picnic, which will have a German theme this year, please contact Mike.

Upcoming: Kevin led a discussion about programming, topics chosen include:

Oct. – Depending on logistics, there will likely be a National Archives film

Nov. – Ancestry Trees and DNA results

Dec. – Christmas Party

Jan. – Genealogy Shorts related to The Great Depression

Feb. – Treasures Show and Tell

Sharing: Kevin Mittge talked about the August 16-19 North West Genealogy Conference he attended in Arlington, Washington (see <https://stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50> for additional information). Among this year's speakers were Kenyatta D. Berry, a genealogist and lawyer who appears on The Genealogy Roadshow and Daniel Earl, whom Kevin suggested is available by Webinar for a very reasonable fee to talk with groups like ours.

Pat Rongey shared a newspaper article about her cousins.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

* Jackie Beveridge was unable to attend, but Mike Allen read her report regarding the picnic.