

## MEETING MINUTES



JUNE 20, 2018  
Attendance: 18  
Guests: 2

REFRESHMENTS: Mike Allen

RAFFLE: None

Our two guests this week cited genealogical interests in Scotland, England, the Aleutian Islands, and the Austrian/Hungarian empire.

### PROGRAM

Kevin Mittge presented a webinar about *Hansen's Map Guides: Finding Records with Parish Maps*. This 50+ volume set is available at the Siuslaw Public Library and is a critical tool for identifying ancestors' town and parish; a necessary step in the process of locating church records, the primary source information about German births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. The guides are arranged by provinces/regions and primarily focus on German's two historically predominate religious groups' (Evangelical Lutheran and Roman Catholic) records. However, some areas include Jewish, French Reformed Church, and German Reformed Church data. Kevin's are posted on our blog ([siuslawgenealogy.org](http://siuslawgenealogy.org)).

SGS library researchers can provide assistance using this resource and others:

*Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pat Rongey*

*Thursday – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Debby Wright*

*Sunday – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pat Ness*

Cindy Swoboda of Lane Community College left for her German vacation, but sent Mike Allen a list of genealogy research links for church and civil records in Germany, which he handed out and Debbie Lobey added to our blog.

Mike Allen called the business meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from May were approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Cullivan reported the Society's funds, as of May 30, were \$4,366.74, including \$2,366.74 in checking and \$2,000 in savings. Joe recapped recent activity including \$1,631 income and \$1,816 expenses for the DNA seminar, \$49 income from the April and May raffles, and new bank check books and forms costing \$106.31. Joe also pointed out the bank has begun to charge SGS 5.00/month for a paper statement which they have not done previously. Joe committed to checking into this change.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections: Kevin Mittge as SGS ex-officio president coordinated the vote on our new officers, as current president Mike Allen was up for reelection. Members approved Mike Allen (president), Jacquie Beveridge (vice president), Marilee Mulvey (treasurer), and Debby Wight (secretary). Mike thanked outgoing officers Joe Cullivan (treasurer), and Sherri Spencer (secretary). A volunteer is still being sought to replace Karen Childs, who raises money for our organization's general fund through the monthly raffle.

July's meeting will feature short stories about member's German ancestors.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Picnic Committee: Judy Thibault, our picnic committee chair, said we'll have some interesting things at the picnic, including a map on which picnickers can mark the names and towns of their German ancestors. The committee officially requested \$150 of SGS funds to spend on non-food item (such as decorations, etc.). Members voted to approve the request. The committee will reconvene July 6, 1 p.m., at the Siuslaw Public Library conference room. All are encouraged to join in the fun!

## **SHARING**

Pat Rongey said that a family had come forward to claim the pictures Karen Childs had brought to a meeting and to thank Pat, Karen, and the group for reuniting them at last. Pat was also gratified to report that she had received several calls from across the country thanking her and others for research assistance.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SGS Annual Picnic, August 15, 2018, at the Elks RV Park (5607 Mercer Lake Road, Florence, OR 97439-8701)**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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