



**PROGRAM**

German Shorts; Mike Allen: "Finding My Zimmermann German Ancestors".  
Kevin Mittge: "How I Know What I Know About My German Ancestors".

**BREAK:** Refreshments provided by Brenda Gilmer

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Mike Allen called the business meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes from June were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mike Allen thanked outgoing Treasurer Joe Cullivan for his two years of service before Joe gave his last report as Treasurer. Joe reported that the Society's balance as of June 30, 2018 was \$3514.00, after a disbursement of \$620.00 for the Library's subscription to Ancestry.com. A reminder that yearly dues are due; \$20 for a single member and \$30 per family. New Treasurer Merilee Mulvey said she has switched our checking account over to paperless to save us the \$5/mo. Statement charge. She will put a new member information form on the blog for new members to fill out with their application. Current members can also use this form to update their info. These can be sent to the Society's PO Box(1540) or brought to the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Picnic committee: Jacquie Beveridge invited everyone to come and enjoy our German themed picnic and asked how many have signed up to bring a dish for the picnic. Deb Lobey said 24. Jacquie reported that a press release will be sent to the Siuslaw Newspaper. The committee will be having a craft party to make floral headpieces for the ladies to wear. There will be games and prizes and Pat Rongey has arranged for an accordion player. We may have a few speakers and if you have a brief story about a German ancestor you would like to share or a keepsake, bring it with you. Deb lobey will be sending out a questionnaire about your German ancestors so that Sherri Spencer may plot them on a map of Germany. This map will be displayed at the picnic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jacquie Beveridge mentioned that at our last meeting a vote was taken to provide funds of \$150 for non food items for the August picnic. She asked that we approve a budget of \$50 for hamburger patties, brats and other food items for the August picnic. Joe Cullivan moved \$50 be approved to purchase food items for the August picnic. The motion was seconded by Merilee Mulvey and members unanimously approved a budget of \$50.00 for food items for the August picnic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Merilee Mulvey asked if the the group would be agreeable that the Yearly Audit be delayed until August, when Brenda Gilmer will be free to assist. It was agreed upon.

Mike Allen passed around a list of current committees and asked if we need to change the structure of any of our committees. He also asked that members put their names by committees they would be willing to serve on.

The list includes; Audit, Genealogy Blog, Christmas Potluck, Fundraising, Summer Picnic, Programs, Publicity, Membership, Refreshments, and Webmaster. He suggested we might add a Hospitality Committee to act as greeters to new members. It was decided to combine Membership and Hospitality. Kevin Mittge mentioned we no longer have a Webmaster because our old website was discontinued and we have replaced it with the Blog.

## **SHARING**

Sherri Spencer mentioned upcoming webinars from the Germanic Genealogy Society (GGS). The information will be posted on the blog.

## **GUESTS**

Barbara Giles: Interested in Scotland and her fathers line.

Karen Coats: Is a seasonal resident who is interested in Austria,Hungary, Scotland and Ireland.

Mitch: Interested in England,Scotland and Cherokee.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by Debra Wright