



CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PROGRAM

Resources in the Library of Congress by Kevin Mittge

Kevin shared information on how to best access and utilize resources at the Library of Congress (LOC). The LOC has one of the world's premier genealogy collections – with 38 million cataloged books, manuscripts and other print materials in 470 languages including more than 50,000 compiled family histories and over 100,000 US local histories. The library also collects local histories from around the world, with strong collections for Western Europe, especially the British Isles, Ireland and Germany.

BREAK

Refreshments provided by Karen Childs

BUSINESS MEETING

President Mike Allen called the business meeting to order at 8:24pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made to approve January meeting minutes. They were voted on and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reimbursement for holiday supplies for the Christmas potluck	\$16.80
Fee for the Living Voices presentation Feb 3 2019	\$225.50

The balance of the checking account for January 31 2019 was \$1,833.68.
The savings account remained unchanged for an ending balance of \$2000.13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: 31 paid memberships at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

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Recap of the February brainstorming session of Brick Walls:

Mike said what he learned from it was to check old newspapers for more information about the "Brick Wall Ancestor" and extended family and neighbors of that ancestor. In searching for one ancestor, he inadvertently found information on another ancestor.

It was agreed upon that we needed to form a sub-committee to determine how best to support others in their quest to break down brick Walls. Jacquie Beveridge(Chairperson), Mary Gill, Mike Allen and Debby Wright volunteered to form a committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Programs

The subject of March's program will be two videos:

1. Ancestry DNA: How It Can Help With Genealogy Brick Walls (27 minutes)
2. 10 Top Tips for How to Bust Through Your Genealogy Brick Wall (13 minutes)

How to get new people interested in SGS:

Pat Rongey suggested we give away some type of advertising merchandise such as recyclable shopping bags with the name of our organization and meeting times. 250 bags at \$1.64 Each would cost \$410. Jacquie and others discussed joining the Florence Chamber of Commerce. Jacquie has been promoting our programs in the Siuslaw Newspaper and on social media. We will consider other options such as RiverCal-Community Calendar and creating a poster to post on bulletin boards.

August Picnic Committee Formation:

Deb Lobey, Debby Wright and Lea Rudd Volunteered to form a committee.

Revision of By-laws:

Merilee Mulvey, Lea Rudd, Pat Miller and Brenda Gilmer volunteered to form a committee.

SHARING

Jacquie Beveridge shared that she will be traveling the second half of this year so will not be able to run for a second term as Vice President. She recommends that others consider serving.

GUESTS: We had five guests.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm