

MEETING MINUTES



March 20, 2019

Attendance: 24
Guests: 5

PROGRAM

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)

BREAK: Refreshments by Deb Lobey and drawing by Karen Childs

BUSINESS MEETING

President Mike Allen called the business meeting to order at 8:12pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT : Debby Wright

February Minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT : Merilee Mulvey

Deposits: Dues for two members \$40.00

Correction/entry for Ck#110 (\$225.50-\$222.50) \$03.00

The ending balance of the checking account for February 28 2019 was \$1,828.68.

The ending balance for the savings account for February 28 2019 was \$2000.13

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reminder of Sub-Committees agreed to at February meeting:

Brick Wall Support: Mary, Mike, Debby W., Jacquie Chairperson

Has yet to meet due to Jacquie's absence, but Mike mentioned that one method of support might be to help people write a research plan.

Sub Committee to Rewrite the Bylaws and Standing Rules: Merilee, Lea, Pat M and Brenda.

SGS Secretary(Debra), submitted the draft of the amended Constitution and By-Laws to the members and Merilee read the proposed amendments followed by a group discussion. There was consensus on the amendments and the draft will be returned to the committee. A finalized version will be presented for approval at the April SGS meeting. A two thirds Aye vote, of those in attendance at the April meeting will be required to pass.

March 30 2019, the committee will start work on The Standing Rules.

July Potluck: Deb L, Debby W and Lea.

Has not yet met.



OLD BUSINESS

How to get people interested in SGS:

Mike asked that members consider forming a Promotion and Advertising sub-committee to stimulate interest in using our resources and recruiting new members. Do we need a new logo? Different types of merchandise, handouts and ads were discussed. Also, would this be part of fundraising?

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative future programs:

April: Jacquie to do presentation on lineage societies.

May: Mary and Merilee to do a presentation on the Purple Heart.

June: Meta Ann Steele, from The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Coos Bay.

Some possible topics for future programs of shorts: "What I Found in Newspapers", " Historical Persons/Families or Buildings of Florence".

Questions and SHARING

Searching for connection to ancestors from other directions (not just ascending/linear order) to prove DNA matches. It was agreed that sometimes you have to work starting from the top down using siblings or other close relatives of your ancestors.

Being open to other spellings of your ancestors names was discussed.

GUESTS:

Topics of interest among our guests:

Swedish and Italian heritage, Kentucky, Florida, 23&Me DNA, Ancestry DNA and which sites to upload DNA test results to for more matches.

The meeting adjourned at 08:57 pm