Call to Order & Welcome: 7:05 pm by President Dianne Carlton.

PROGRAM: “Using Occupations to Trace Your Ancestors”. Webinar from NEHGS presented by Merilee Mulvey. Program completed at 8:00 pm.

SHORT BREAK: Refreshments provided by Mike Allen

BUSINESS MEETING: Called to order by President Dianne Carlton at 8:23 pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Debby Wright
Pat Miller made a motion to amend the spelling of her name in Ongoing Business, Information table… from Pam to Pat.
Deb Lobey made a motion to accept the Nov. 20, 2019 minutes as corrected, Merilee Mulvey seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Merilee Mulvey
There were no transactions during the months of November or December 2019. Checking Account balance as of Dec. 21, 2019 was $1402.31 (with no checks outstanding). Savings Account balance as of Dec. 21, 2019 was $2025.28. We now have 27 paid members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Christmas Party committee
We do not yet have a total cost as not all receipts for supplies and food have been turned in. There were 28 in attendance.

Brick Wall Support Committee
No report

Membership Committee
Dianne Carlton asked for more members to join the committee and we need someone to chair the committee.

ONGOING BUSINESS:
Should we have one party or two?
Dianne recommended that we leave both for now. Some people prefer one and some the other. We will need more volunteers and possibly raise more funds to be able to keep both.
**Education Expo:** Dianne has contacted Robert Orr and is waiting to hear back. We can use our pamphlets and trifolds on our table at the Expo to recruit new members.

Pat Rongey suggested we display our information on the side tables during the Living Voices program.

**Information table in the Library Foyer**
Volunteers are Debby Wright, Pat Rongey, Pat Miller, Mike Allen, Mary Gill and Merilee Mulvey. We will have to abide by the Library’s Protocol provided by Meg Spencer. We must not approach the clientele. We let them come to us. We must wear a badge which identifies us as Genealogy Society members not Library employees. Dianne will schedule with Meg for us to have a table about 4 times a year. The time with the most foot traffic is 11am-2pm. Merilee has made a trifold display and gathered handouts that will be kept in a bag in Kevin’s office. Dianne showed examples of bookmarks she is making for us to hand out to perspective members. Pat Rongey asked some also be placed in the Siuslaw Room.

**Living Voices program Sunday February 2nd**
This program will be cosponsored by the Library and our Society. Please wear your Genealogical Society shirts if you attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Finding Images of deceased loved ones on Google Maps**
Mike Allen posted a story on our blog about how some people saw images of their deceased loved ones outside their house while googling images of a loved one’s house.

**Genealogy Cruises:**
Dianne Carlton spoke about an opportunity to cruise AND pursue your genealogy interest! Pioneers and Family History offers a cruise to Alaska in August! See our blog for details.

**QUESTIONS & SHARING:**
A guest had a question about transferring data from a discontinued software program “The Master Genealogist”. Kevin said he should save it as a Gedcom file.

Kevin mentioned The National Genealogical Society 2020 Family History Conference, Echoes of Our Ancestors, will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 20–23 May 2020.

Pat Rongey was exploring her parents birth on a reservation in North Dakota and found she can add Oglala Sioux to her Native American heritage, along with Canadian Ojibwa.
UPCOMING PROGRAMS
Feb. 2nd 1pm – Living Voices program “Island of Hope”.
Feb. 19th 7pm – “Using BLM, GLO maps and Google Earth” by Kevin Mittge.
Feb. 29th 10am to 2pm – Education Expo, Siuslaw High School, 2975 Oak St. Florence
Mar. 18th 7pm – “Women’s History Month” Shorts by Kevin Mittge, Mike Allen and Pat
Rongey.
Apr. 15th 7pm – Tentative “DNA Doe Project” Ray Plumerey.
May 20th 7pm – Tentative “A House Through Time” video.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 pm by President Dianne Carlton.