



MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020

Members: 15
Guests: 5

Call to Order & Welcome: 7:00 pm by President Dianne Carlton.

PROGRAM: Kevin Mittge on 'Using BLM GLO maps and Google Earth'. He demonstrated the process of identifying land descriptions and cemetery locations which can be mapped using Google resources.
Program completed at 8:09 pm.

SHORT BREAK: Refreshments provided by Mary Gill. Raffle by Karen Childs.

BUSINESS MEETING: Called to order by President Dianne Carlton at 8:22 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debby Wright
Pat Miller made a motion to accept the Jan. 15, 2020 minutes as written.
Karen Childs seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Merilee Mulvey
Deposits:
Annual transfer from Savings to Checking to keep account active. \$025.00
Additional transfer from Savings to Checking \$500.00
Withdrawals:
Ck #124 Ancestry Library Edition 1/2 fee \$694.72
Ck #125 Dec. party Supplies \$033.71
Ck #126 Living Voices 1/2 fee \$222.50
Ck #127 Education Expo registration \$010.00
Checking Account balance as of Jan.31, 2020 was \$966.33 (with one check outstanding).
Savings Account balance as of Jan. 31, 2019 was \$1500.33.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Christmas Party Wrap Up
At this time, the total reimbursements paid out for the Christmas party are \$33.71.

Brick Wall Support Committee
Pat Rongey said she and Deb Lobey have discussed proposing a Brick Wall page on Facebook. This would not replace our blog but be in addition to our blog. Links can be placed between the two. We will have a discussion on this at our next meeting.

Membership Committee
Since the Info table is the main project at this time, Dianne Carlton moved this discussion to: ONGOING BUSINESS, Information table



ONGOING BUSINESS:

Should we have one party or two?

It was agreed that we keep both for now.

Education Expo: Dianne has heard from Robert Orr that there will be more than 85 participating organizations. Kevin Mittge, Mike Allen and Pat Rongey will man our table at the Expo.

Information Table in the Library Foyer

Merilee will take her table home because the Library has the same style tables available at the Library. We can also use the chairs from the Siuslaw Room.

Pat Rongey was the first to try out the table at the Library on Feb. 12th. She suggested we add a bright colored tablecloth and reduce the size of our trifold display, to make our table more approachable.

Dianne Carlton and Mike Allen will man the table at the library Friday Feb. 21st from 10am to 1pm.

Dianne Carlton showed examples of the custom bookmarks that will be in the table supply bag.

Living Voices Program "Island of Hope", Sunday February 2nd

Kevin said this year's program was a success, and all the equipment WORKED! He counted about 30 attendees. Dianne said she was contacted by a member of the Lincoln County, Genealogical Society of Toledo, Oregon, for information on how they can have a presentation. Dianne sent them the contact information. Pat Rongey gave a description of the Living Voices "Ellis Island" presentation at the school in which the students portray the immigrants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Theme for August Picnic:

Dianne suggested Mayflower as a possible theme. We might not keep the menu to just what they had on the Mayflower. We would have to work on a suitable menu.

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 29th, 10am to 2pm– "Education Expo" at Siuslaw High School, 2975 Oak St. Florence, OR.

Mar. 18th, 7pm – "Women's History Month" Shorts by Kevin Mittge, Mike Allen and Pat Rongey.

Apr. 15th, 7pm – Tentative "DNA Doe Project"(Identifying bodies using DNA). By Ray Plumerey.

May 20th, 7pm – Tentative "A House Through Time" video.



QUESTIONS & SHARING:

Mike Allen (whose mother and her siblings were adopted), was contacted by a cousin on his mother's side. 10 yrs. ago, this cousin was not interested in pursuing his father's bio parents, but now is asking for Mike's help.

Mike also told of a woman contacting him through Facebook who turned out to be his 3rd cousin and when she mentioned being a triathlete, he remembered another cousin from a different line in that same town who was a triathlon coach. It turned out he was her coach and they were 4th cousins!

Pat Rongey found an old letter from when she and her husband were in Africa that had photos and a \$5 bill enclosed. She donated the \$5 as a good omen to SGS. She also brought a few copies of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum newsletter to share.

Kevin mentioned the Library will have local author, H.S. Contino, present a fascinating look at historic shipwrecks of the southern Oregon coast on Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 1-2pm. The Northwest Genealogy Conference will be Aug. 12-15 at Arlington, WA.

Dianne announced upcoming Conferences: Roots Tech 2020, Feb 26-29, Salt Lake City, Utah, will have free live streams. See our blog for details. National Genealogy Society 2020 Family History Conference will be May 20-23, in Salt Lake City. Aug. 9-14, 2020, International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies will have a conference in San Diego, CA. The Federation of Genealogical Societies 2020 Conference will be held Sep. 2-5 in Kansas City, Mo. The NGS and FGS will be merging and next year there will be only one conference.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10pm by President Dianne Carlton.