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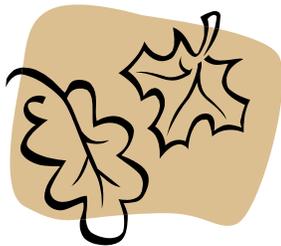
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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 6 at 6 pm at the Superior Public Library. On the agenda:

- Approval of September Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Executive Board Report
- Old Business
- New Business



Minutes of DCGC monthly meeting September 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jane Sigfrids acting as chair for the September meeting in the absence of President Jim Mattson.

Marlene Case suggested the minutes of the August meeting be corrected to reflect motions made to accept Treasurer's report were carried by the members in attendance at the August meeting. These corrections of carried motions also should be applied to the motion to table the search for an interim Vice-President. Motion made and carried.

Treasurer's report: Balance in savings account of \$1,809.49 and checking account of \$70.76 for total of \$1,880.25. Judy Aunet made motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Bobbi Hoyt. Motion carried.

Brochure for the September 26th Cemetery Walk at Greenwood was shown to the members present at the meeting.

Marlene Case is working on making changes to our Facebook format.

Terri Hammerbeck from Greenwood Cemetery has been entering obituaries, memorials and photos into the CIMS-lite software. Help from DCGC will be discussed at the October meeting.

The Executive Board, consisting of Jim Mattson, Jane Sigfrids, Lorrie Madden, Marlene Case, Emily Fredrick and Bobbi Hoyt is scheduled to meet at Perkins at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Discussion on cloud store, WSGS and term of the interim Vice-President will be on the agenda.

Jan Resberg agreed to act as interim Vice-President.

Motion made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Karen Smoley to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried.

In attendance: Don Erickson, Marlene Case, Emily Fredrick, Sandy Novak, Jackie Plunkett, Jane Sigfrids, Don Hauser, Buzz Buczynski, Nancy Crider, Bobbi Hoyt, Karen Smoley, Judy Aunet, Jan Resberg.

Submitted by Emily Fredrick

Upcoming Programs

October 6th: Roundtable discussion on how members organize files and track information. What works for you may also solve another member's brick wall. Superior Library, 6:00 p.m.

November 2nd: Meeting will be at the Bong Historical Museum. The new archivist, Breanna, will talk to us about preservation of both our paper and material treasures. 6:00 p.m.

December is our joint Holiday Potluck with the Twin Ports Genealogical Society. A time for fellowship with other like-minded family historians. Superior Library, 6:00 p.m.

Program for the evening

Bobbi Hoyt presented the genealogy projects that were submitted by members to the Head of the Lakes Fair held during August.

Snack Signups

October: Emily Fredrick, Sandy Novak; November: Bobbi Hoyt; December: Pot Luck. Please let me know what month(s) you can take in the coming year.



Executive Board Meeting

The DCGC Executive Board met on September 22nd to discuss several issues, including the succession of officers, cloud storage for club info, and our membership with the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. All members were present: Emily Fredrick, Jan Resberg, Lorrie Madden, Jim Mattson, Jane Sigfrids, Bobbi Hoyt and Marlene Case.

Jim Mattson gave his interpretation of the succession of officers:

- When the president resigns, the vice-president takes over and a new vice-president is chosen
- If both president and vice-president offices are vacated, a special election would need to be held.

It was recommended that this interpretation be presented to the membership at large. A motion was made by Emily Fredrick and seconded by Bobbi Hoyt. Jim volunteered to write up the language for the change of by-laws.

Bobbi Hoyt has investigated the possibilities for cloud storage for club information; a motion was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Emily Fredrick that a product called Drop Box be recommended to the membership as there is no charge (it can store documents but not photos or videos). Jane Sigfrids volunteered to be an administrator but felt there should be two administrators.

We, as a club, are an affiliated member of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. We receive a quarterly newsletter (one copy) as an affiliate but are unable to access webinars and other programs that individual members can. There was a discussion regarding the usefulness of membership in the WSGS. It was felt that one reason for membership is that the WSGS does keep the idea of genealogy in the forefront of members.

Committee memberships and meeting schedules were discussed.

- The Programs and Presentation Committee will meet next on November 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Members include Lorrie Madden, Jane Sigfrids, Jan Resberg, Bobbi Hoyt and Judy Aunet. Marlene Case has showed interest in joining this committee.
- The Public Relations and Publications Committee currently consists of Jane Sigfrids, Jan Resberg and Jim Mattson.

Our committee membership is thin at this point and we'd like to encourage everyone to consider joining.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=TwinPorts Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society

Oct 6 DCGC at Superior Library, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 17 WSGS Fall Seminar, Marshfield

Nov 3 DCGC at Superior Library, 6:00 p.m.

Dec 1 DCGC at Superior Library, 6:00 p.m.
Be sure to check out the Minnesota Genealogical Society Calendar at <http://www.mngs.org/calendar.shtml> for a listing of other club events in the Twin Cities Area. Pay special attention to who is staffing the MNGS Library. Each of the affiliate clubs take turns which means you can have country focused genealogical research help.

If you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email them to me at jnjsig@yahoo.com

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Jan Resberg made a motion to provide Bobbi Hoyt with \$25.00 for prizes for the bingo game at the Holiday Potluck in December; the motion was seconded by Lorrie Madden and passed by voice vote.

The treasurer (yours truly) misplaced the briefcase in which the club's checks and checkbook were stored. The Executive Board, through a motion made by Bobbi Hoyt and seconded by Jan Resberg, allowed me to close our account at SCCU and open a new one, complete with an order for new checks.

Lorrie Madden brought up the subject of a club project; Marlene Case reiterated the need for deciding on one. Discussion determined that it should be presented to the membership.

It was suggested that our club build a relationship with the Douglas County Historical Society. They could use our help and we can benefit from their information.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Perkins.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lorrie Madden and seconded by Jan Resberg. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Lorrie Madden, Club Secretary

(As a side note, the briefcase mentioned above is a zippered case in a fabric cat-patterned material. If anyone recalls seeing it within the past two months, can you please let me know?)