

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Tammy Castagnoli, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting which were accepted with a spelling correction.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$5,173.76 as of December 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$19.87 for a total of \$22,938.39.02 as of December 31, 2016. The report will be filed for review. Linda presented a proposed budget for 2017. Discussion will be conducted via email with board members with a vote at a future date.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

None reported.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Tammy Castagnoli has agreed to coordinate the Cemetery Committee.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel has updated the web site to reflect information for the 2017 year. Jan McKenzie and Tammy Castagnoli volunteered to become administrators for the Society's Facebook page joining Julie Vogel and Deb VanSant.
- c. Conference – Kathy Elliott reported that Conference flyers will be mailed in February. The Conference date is Saturday, April 29, 2017
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the committee is updating class content. She has ordered and received some of the door prizes for this year's classes.
- e. Fundraising – Ideas for special projects funded by Birdies for Charity were discussed.
- f. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich reminded board members that they have access to the FGS web site: User name: 16521 Password: ricigs
- g. Funeral Cards –Jan McKenzie is continuing to collect cards which she is indexing and filing in the Library. The web site will be updated to include new content.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a list of books donated by member Janet Pease. They will be available in the Library. A larger filing cabinet has been obtained for the Surname file. Additional shelving has been designated at the RICHS Library for RICIGS's use.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing –Linda Walker has started indexing 2017 obituaries.
- k. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported receiving \$10 for generation charts.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel is finalizing the winter newsletter.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott gave information on a deceased lifetime member.
- n. Queries & Research – None.
- o. Registrar – No report.

- p. Vice President – Tammy Castagnoli and Kitty Humphrey are working to finalize programs for the upcoming year.

Old Business:

Kitty Humphrey announced the plan for tee-shirts and tote bags will be discussed at the January general meeting.

A source for ordering pens with the Society name was discussed.

Boxes (15) from the Nomie Budelier have been transferred to Deb VanSant's home and work is underway to review the material. Additional boxes are still expected.

Two four drawer file cabinets have been purchased, but since they are not the ones originally selected, Kitty will be checking into this.

New Business:

The Annual Dinner meeting has been set for November 9, 2017 at Jako's. The program will be Bill Albrecht, a highly decorated soldier currently under consideration for the Medal of Honor, speaking on Fire Base Kate.

Discussion was held on the 2 year term limit set in our By-laws for officers. (5 years for Treasurer). Linda Polich moved and Tammy Castagnoli seconded considering changing the by-laws to allow the Board to have discretion in the number of terms an officer could serve. Betty Hagberg will prepare proposed wording for an amendment to the by-laws.

Linda Polich and Kitty Humphrey will appear in a WQAD news story with Chris Minor.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Library. Program will be "bring a photo of an ancestor and discuss".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
January 24, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries – Linda Walker reported she found some good reference sources for doing medieval English research.

Minutes – Minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$5,173.76 as of December 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of December 31, 2016 were \$22,938.39. The report was filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – We are in need of a chairperson for this committee.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the [website](#) is up to date at this time. She hopes to add a complete list of meetings and programs scheduled for 2017 soon. Julie anticipates switching to the new domain in 2 to 3 months.

Conference – Beth Hoffman distributed copies of the flyer for the 43rd annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference scheduled for April 29, 2017 in Rock Island. The flyers will be prepared for mailing on January 31st.

Education – Linda Polich announced dates for the 2017 Education Classes. They will be held on August 19th, September 9th and October 14th. The committee will also be meeting to review the results of the education survey taken last fall and may offer another type of educational opportunity this year also.

FGS – Linda announced the annual FGS conference will be held in Pittsburg PA from August 30 to September 2, 2017. Lori Cathcart is the new FGS President. Linda also announced the NGS conference will be in Raleigh NC from May 10 to May 13, 2017.

Fundraising – Linda reported that RICIGS will take part in the Birdies for Charity fundraiser again this year. Pledge forms will be mailed to all members when they become available later this year.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported she has been working on entering and filing funeral cards she receives from local funeral homes for the society. This information is available on the [website](#) and is an ongoing project.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently added 8 new books to our library collection which were donated to the society by Janet Pease. Deb asked members who have genealogy magazines or books they no longer need to donate them for sale at the QC Genealogy Conference. Proceeds will be used to add new material to the library collection.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – Linda Walker reported she is working on this project.

Publication Sales – Linda W. reported she sold the last of the 15 generation pedigree charts we had available.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the winter electronic newsletter was sent out to all members. She will now begin working on the spring quarterly.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing to report at this time.

Queries & Research – Kitty reported the man from the state of Oregon who had previously requested information on a large number of people from Rock Island County sent us a check for \$20.00 and has reduced the number of people he wants research on. Kitty will follow up on this request.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reminded everyone that dues are now payable. Renewals are coming in slowly.

Vice President – No Report

New Business – Kitty reported we will have tee shirts and tote bags with the RICIGS emblem available for sale. The cost is expected to be \$15.00 for the shirts and \$12 to \$15 for the tote bags. These items will be available for sale at Conference also. Ballpoint pens with the society name will be available as an item for the conference packets.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 9, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “An Immigrant Coming to America”.

Program:

Tonight’s program was presented by several members who brought along special family photographs and told a little about the people in their photo and why it is important to them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Pat McCoy, Pam Moreno, Julie Vogel, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the January 12 meeting which were accepted with a motion by Kathy Elliott and a second by Pat McCoy.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$5,048.17 as of January 31, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$20.55 for a total of \$22,958.94 as of January 31, 2017. Linda Polich moved and Kathy Elliott seconded that the report be filed for review. Discussion on the 2017 budget will be conducted among board members via email with a vote at a future date.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

None reported.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Pam Moreno was introduced as the new Cemetery Committee Chair.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel distributed an outline for our new web site followed by discussion of the top level organization of the site.
- c. Conference – The Conference date is Saturday, April 29, 2017
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced a new Education offering. A “Lunch and Learn” will be held from 11:30 to 1:00 on Friday March 24, 2017 at the Butterworth Center Education Center. The topic will be Roots Magic. Future sessions will be considered.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that the kick-off date for this year’s Birdies for Charity has not been announced.
- f. FGS Delegate – No report.
- g. Funeral Cards –Jan McKenzie sent a report that she has visited Trimble and Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Homes. An updated list of funeral cards has been sent for publication on the web site.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a list of books from the Nomie Budileir estate that have been added to the Library. Duplicates will be sold at Conference.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing –Linda Walker indicated work is ongoing.
- k. Publication Sales – None.
- l. Quarterly Editor – A translation done by Nomie Budileir was mentioned for consideration in an upcoming Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott announced that Conference Brochures have been mailed. Additional envelopes with the Society return address are available.
- n. Queries & Research – A request for information was given to Pam Moreno to handle.
- o. Registrar – No report.

p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey distributed a list of 2017 programs.

Old Business:

Kitty Humphrey presented choices for t-shirts, tote bags and pens. Light blue was chosen as the color for t-shirts. Kitty will order 20 in sizes med, large, xlarge and 2xlarge. Linda Walker moved and Shay Elliott seconded ordering 500 pens for the amount of \$221. The pens will have the Society name and web site address. The size of the logo for the tote bags was discussed. Kitty will investigate a 5 – 6” logo. Business cards are also being investigated that would have Society name and logo, mailing address, and web site.

Additional boxes are expected from the Nomie Budelier estate. Deb VanSant is continuing to review the material.

Discussion was held prior to the meeting by email on the 2 year term limit set in our By-laws for officers. (5 years for Treasurer). Betty Hagberg moved and Pat McCoy seconded a motion to waive Article 5, section 5, #3 for the 2018 RICIGS officer election. The motion passed.

New Business:

The Annual Dinner meeting has been changed to the Botanical Center on November 9, 2017. Cost and menu items are being negotiated by Kitty Humphrey.

Kitty Humphrey asked for volunteers to meet with Roger Ruthart the first week of March to give input for an article for the Dispatch/Argus. Linda Polich volunteered. Kitty will also contact Lorraine Hathaway.

For the month of March the Society will be the recipient of funds in the WQAD “Three degree Guarantee”. We will receive \$20 for each day that the weather forecast is correct within three degrees.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be “Arriving in America”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
February 28, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center with 29 members and four guests in attendance.

Program:

Jacob Seukunian, Legislative Assistant to Illinois State Senator Neil Anderson, gave a presentation on “An Immigrant Coming to America”, detailing the story of his family.

Announcements

Rick Shields of the Illinois State Genealogical Society announced that the ISGS 2017 Fall Conference, “Build Your Family Tree: DNA, Research, and Writing”, will be held in Moline at the iWireless Center on October 27-28, 2017. RICIGS members are being sought to serve as local support. Additional information on volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming.

President Humphrey welcomed several new and prospective members.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$5,048.17 as of January 31, 2017. Total savings in CD’s and the Money Market account earned \$20.55 for a total of \$22,958.94 as of January 31, 2017. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence

President Humphrey announced details of several genealogical conferences and education opportunities. Information will be posted on our [website](#).

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Pam Moreno has taken over responsibility for the Cemetery Committee.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that our new web site will be launched very soon at ricigs.org. Members will receive an email with information, including an id and password that will give them access to ‘members only’ content.

Conference – Jean Wistedt has extra copies of the flyer for the 43rd annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference scheduled for April 29, 2017 in Rock Island. Flyers have been mailed to members.

Education – In response to the Education Survey, the Education Committee will launch a new series of “Lunch and Learn” sessions. The first program will be on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Butterworth Educational Center in Moline. This program is for RICIGS members only. There is no charge, but registration is required. The topic of the initial session will be RootsMagic software. Attendees should bring a sack lunch.

Linda Polich reminded members of the upcoming TV show “Who Do You Think Your Are?” The new season will premiere March 5 on TLC.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society offers Webinars. A schedule can be found on their [website](#).

Fundraising – Linda reported that RICIGS will take part in the Birdies for Charity fundraiser again this year. Pledge forms be mailed in April

Historian/Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie continues to gather and index funeral cards from local funeral homes. This index is available on our [website](#) and the cards are available for viewing in our library.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has received an additional 11 boxes of materials from the Nomie Budelier estate. Items will be integrated into our library and duplicates will be sold at conference. Deb presented a [list of new items added to the library](#).

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – Linda Walker is indexing 2017 obituaries.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel invites contributions of family stories or items of interest for the Spring Quarterly.

Queries & Research Pam Moreno is working on a request for information.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reminded everyone that dues are now payable. Renewals are coming in slowly.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business

Pens, t-shirts and tote bags with the Society logo have been ordered. Generic business cards for the Society have been received. Members can put their own contact information on the back of the card. Members were encouraged to take a card and pass it on to a potential member.

New Business – Due to the fire at Jake O's restaurant, the Annual Dinner has been moved to the Botanical Center. The Dinner will be November 9, 2017.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "Surviving Skokie", a documentary film on the Memories of Jack Adler, Polish Holocaust Survivor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Pat McCoy, Pam Moreno, Marilyn Mix, Jean Wistedt, Jan McKenzie, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

President Humphrey welcomed Jean Wistedt.

The minutes from the February 9 meeting were accepted as emailed with a motion by Linda Polich and a second by Shay Elliot.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$4,783.97 as of February 28, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$20.49 for a total of \$22,979.43 as of February 28, 2017. Discussion was held on how to handle expenses related to special projects such as the Nomie Budelier estate and the purchase and sale of items such as t-shirts. The Treasurer will investigate the appropriate way to account for these expenses. The report will be filed for review. The 2017 budget will be sent to Board Members by email for discussion with a vote at a future date.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

A request for obituaries will be handled by Linda Walker.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Pam Moreno presented information on Billion Graves. Discussion was held on what the Cemetery Committee has done in the past and the possibility of reviewing the future activities taking into account various electronic databased that are now available.
- b. Computer Interest – President Humphrey read a report submitted by Julie Vogel that the new web site has been launched and the old site redirected.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy reported that 141 have registered for the Conference at last count, with additional registrations coming in. The Conference Committee will meet to prepare bags the week prior to the Conference date of Saturday, April 29, 2017. One of our new Society Tote bags was suggested as a door prize. Jean Wistedt reported that leaders of the Illinois Genealogical Society Conference to be held in Moline in October 2017 will be attending our Quad Cities Conference.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced that 24 registrations have been received for the new Education offering “Lunch and Learn” to be held from 11:30 to 1:00 on Friday March 24, 2017 at the Butterworth Center Education Center. The topic will be Roots Magic.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced the kick-off date of April 10 for this year’s Birdies for Charity. She is prepared to send out flyers to our membership. Shay and Kathy Elliott provided mailing labels.
- f. FGS Delegate – No report.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a list of books (35 from the Nomie Budelier estate) added to the Library during March. She has ordered DAR Source Books for the states of Connecticut and North Carolina. Deb reported that member Janet Pease has moved to Minnesota.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing –Linda Walker indicated work is ongoing.
- k. Publication Sales – None.

- l. Quarterly Editor – A report submitted by Julie Vogel stated she would begin work on the next Quarterly in April.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy and Shay Elliott provided mailing labels for Birdies for Charity mailing and also an updated membership list.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she has received 87 renewals; we have 1 credit and 11 Lifetime memberships for a total of 99. She will follow-up with the 28 that have not renewed.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey distributed a list of 2017 programs.

Old Business:

Linda Polich and Lorraine Hathaway will meet with Argus/Dispatch editor Roger Ruthart to give input on an article on RICIGS.

Kitty Humphrey announced that RICIGS has been selected as the organization to receive funds from the WQAD “Three Degree Guarantee” for the month of April. Our Society will receive \$20 for each day of the month that the weather forecast is correct within 3 degrees.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey has sent in paperwork for an audit of our Liability Insurance.

President Humphrey led discussion of selecting a service project for the Society. The Purpose of RICIGS as stated in our By-Laws was suggested as a guideline to assure that a service project would support our stated purpose.

Shay Elliott announced he has completed paperwork for approval to work with Boy Scouts on a Genealogy Merit Badge.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be “Prominent Women in the Quad Cities” presented by Maryan Wherry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
March 28, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center with 30 members and four guests in attendance.

Program:

The program titled “Prominent Women in the QC” was presented by Maryan Wherry.

Announcements

President Humphrey welcomed several guests.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that our new web site is now available at ricigs.org. Members have received an email with information, including an id and password that will give them access to ‘members only’ content.

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported that 216 have registered for the 43rd annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference scheduled for April 29, 2017 in Rock Island.

Education – Linda Polich reported that the first “Lunch and Learn” session was a great success. Two additional sessions have been scheduled: Friday, June 16, 2017 the topic will be “Writing and Sharing Your Family History” and Friday, September 22, 2017 there will be an additional session on “RootsMagic.” Both sessions will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Butterworth Educational Center in Moline. These sessions are for RICIGS members only. There is no charge, but registration is required. Attendees should bring a sack lunch.

Linda Polich announced that the April/May issue of [Internet Genealogy](#) has a good article entitled “Harness the Power of RootsMagic and WebHints”. You must subscribe or purchase this issue to see full text. Also, check out “[Questions about Upcoming Ancestry Features](#)” on the RootsMagic Blog.

FGS - Two web sites of interest are the [WWII Research and Writing Center](#) and [Philatelic Genealogy](#) (where you will find a database of old envelopes and postal history)

Fundraising – Linda Polich brought the Birdies for Charity pledge forms for members to pick up after the meeting. Those not picked up will be mailed to members.

Linda announced that the Family History Library will be closed on April 1st, 15th and 29th.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie continues to gather and index funeral cards from local funeral homes. This index is available on our [website](#) and the cards are available for viewing in our library.

Librarian – Deb VanSant reported that 40 notebooks of genealogical information from the Nomie Budelier estate have been added to the Library. Rock Island County family names included are: Andrews, Stapp, Budelier, Bendt and Mader. There is also significant German research that may not be available elsewhere.

Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker is indexing 2017 obituaries. [Obituary Indexes for 2005-2015](#) are available on our web site.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the Spring Quarterly will be issued in mid-April.

Queries & Research Deb VanSant is researching a query.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business

T-shirts and tote bags with the Society logo have been received and are available for \$15 each. Let Kitty Humphrey know if you would like to purchase. Sales cannot be made at Butterworth Center.

Plans are continuing for RICIGS to lend support to the Illinois State Genealogical Society Conference to be held at the iWireless Center on October 27-28.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be a documentary film “Surviving Skokie” Memories of Jack Adler, Polish Holocaust Survivor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Pat McCoy, Pam Moreno, Marilyn Mix, Jan McKenzie, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes from the March 9th meeting were accepted as emailed to the Board.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$4,180.81 as of March 31, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$18.61 for a total of \$22,992.55 as of March 31, 2017. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Kitty Humphrey reported on an inquiry she has been working on.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Pam Moreno continues to review existing Cemetery information to determine what may need to be done.
- b. Computer Interest – President Humphrey read a report submitted by Julie Vogel that the new web site is operational. She has added some Quarterlies to the Member Only section. Julie asks the board for additional suggestions of content for inclusion on the web site. Deb VanSant mentioned she has some “marriage returns” that could be scanned and added to the web site. Betty Hagberg will look at these to determine feasibility of scanning.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy reported that 240 have registered for the 43rd Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference to be held Saturday, April 29, 2017. Deb will be selling books and related items that are not needed for the library and offered to also sell our t-shirts and tote bags.
- d. Education – Linda Polich sent a report that the first “Lunch and Learn” session was a great success. Two additional sessions have been scheduled: Friday, June 16, 2017 the topic will be “Writing and Sharing Your Family History” and Friday, September 22, 2017 there will be an additional session on “RootsMagic.”
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that the Birdies for Charity flyers that were not picked up at the March General Meeting were mailed to members.
- f. FGS Delegate – Board members are reminded that they have access to the members’ only section of the FGS web site.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reports activity is ongoing.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a list of books added to the Library during March, including items from the Nomie Budelier estate, DAR Source Books for the states of Connecticut and North Carolina, and magazines donated by Linda Polich.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker indicated work is ongoing.
- k. Publication Sales – None.
- l. Quarterly Editor – A report submitted by Julie Vogel reported that the Quarterly has been printed and is awaiting mailing.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy and Shay Elliott are updating the mailing list in preparation for mailing the Quarterly.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant offered to do further checking on the request for information being handled by Pam Moreno.

- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reports 96 renewal/new members. She has sent out 20 renewal reminders.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

No news has been received on the status of the disbursement from the Nomie Budelier estate.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey presented information about the “Winter Wonderland” craft fair to be held on November 19. Linda Polich has offered to work at a table if the society would like to participate. There was a consensus that we should go ahead.

Kitty Humphrey has t-shirts and tote bags. Board members can pay Linda Walker and pick up items after the meeting from Kitty’s car.

Two people have boxes of genealogy information that they would like to donate to the Society. Tammy Castagnoli has 10 boxes from Barb Johnson and Lynn Humphrey has materials belonging to her mother. It was suggested that we have a release form for those wishing to donate items to fill out.

Shay Elliott reported that grave stones for Civil War veterans are being placed in the City Cemetery, Davenport on Memorial Day weekend.

Kitty Humphrey asked for volunteers to head committees in support of the Illinois State Genealogical Society Conference to be held at the iWireless Center on October 27-28. Preliminary appointments are: Local Host Chair, Kitty Humphrey; Local Publicity and Local Advertising Chair; Linda Polich; Local Volunteer Coordinator, Betty Hagberg and Deb VanSant; Local Vendor Coordinator, possibly Beth Hoffman; Local Door Prize/Silent Auction, Kitty Humphrey.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be a documentary film “Surviving Skokie” Memories of Jack Adler, Polish Holocaust Survivor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 25, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center with 25 members in attendance.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Linda Walker reported an ending checkbook balance of \$4180.81 for the month ending March 31, 2017. Our savings accounts earned \$18.61 for an ending balance of \$22,992.55. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Pam Moreno presented information on a possible activity of taking marker photos at Moline Memorial and Riverside Cemeteries and uploading them to the Billion Graves web site. This idea will be further discussed at a future Board meeting.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that our new web site ricigs.org is working well and that additional content is being sought.

Conference – No report

Education – Linda Polich reminded the group that this year's education classes have been scheduled on August 19, September 9, and October 14. Registration deadline is August 1, 2017.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that 18 pledges have been received to date for Birdies for Charity. Our goal is to reach 35 pledges.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported ongoing work. This index is available on our [website](#) and the cards are available for viewing in our library.

Librarian – No report. A list of the [Library holdings](#) is available on our web site.

Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker is indexing 2017 obituaries. [Obituary Indexes for 2005-2015](#) are available on our web site.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the Spring Quarterly has been mailed.

Queries & Research – Kitty Humphrey reported on a query she worked on involving a former patient at the East Moline Mental Hospital. The prison, currently at this site, holds records from the Mental Hospital in their basement. There is also a cemetery on site.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – No Report

New Business

Kitty Humphrey picked up donated genealogy materials from Ruth Thompson.

Program:

The program was a documentary film "Surviving Skokie" Memories of Jack Adler, Polish Holocaust Survivor.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library. An overview of the RICHS collection will be given by Orin Rockhold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Pam Moreno, Marilyn Mix, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Jean Wistedt, Sally Bartosh, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

Rick Shield from the Illinois State Genealogical Society answered questions about the contract between RICIGS and ISGS relating to the ISGS Fall Conference in Moline. The contract was accepted and signed.

The minutes from the April 13th meeting were accepted with one correction.

Linda Walker reported by email to the Board a checkbook balance of \$3,548.71 as of April 30, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.22 for a total of \$23,019.26 as of April 30, 2017. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Kitty Humphrey received an inquiry relating to the surname Boyd.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Pam Moreno asked for direction from the Board on the direction of future Cemetery projects. Discussion was held and Pam will review the existing Cemetery Books and report back.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has updated cemetery pages on the website and will be working on the Members Only section. We received the first Membership payment that used PayPal on the site.
- c. Conference – Feedback was given on this year's conference. Next year, the Conference date has been set for April 28, 2018.
- d. Education – No report.
- e. Fundraising – No report.
- f. FGS Delegate – No report.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reports activity is ongoing.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a list of books added to the Library during April, including items from the Ruth Thompson and Barb Johnson estates. She has extra copies of a Krause family history that we might want to consider selling. Suggest \$10 shipping and handling fee. Sales at conference netted \$308.05 after \$6.00 table fee. Breakdown was \$284.05 for books and supplies and \$30.00 for t-shirts and tote bags.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker indicated work is ongoing.
- k. Publication Sales – None.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Next newsletter will be in July.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report
- n. Queries & Research – None.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reports one renewal and one new member.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

Kitty Humphrey, Deb VanSant and Julie Vogel are going through pictures from the Nomie Budelier estate and working with Shirley Plumb on any additional genealogical materials that need to come to RICIGS.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey is checking into fund raisers for the Society at Denney's and Chipotle.

Society member ancestor photos are being sought to make placemats for our Annual Dinner.

Board members are requested to be at WQAD TV in Moline by 2:45 pm on May 25 to receive a check for \$420.00 from the "Three Degree Guarantee" program.

A special Board Meeting to discuss future Society goals is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on May 16 in the Butterworth Center Oak Room. A framework to use for the planning process was distributed.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society. Program will be Orin Rockhold on "What the Historical Society has to Offer."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
June 27, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center with 30 members and guests in attendance.

Program:

“Rock Island National Cemetery” was presented by Sue Jehlen, Director of the Cemetery.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – No report.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Pam Moreno has resigned as Chairman of this committee and a new chair is being sought.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that several new items have been added to the Members Only section of the [web site](#), including Cemetery Books and Marriage Record indexes.

Education – Linda Polich reported that the June Lunch and Learn session was well attended. The final session for this year will be on RootsMagic software on September 22. Education workshops are scheduled for August 19, September 9, and October 14. An article in the July/August issue of “Your Genealogy Today” magazine, *Modern Day Genealogy*, urges genealogists to take time to document the present so it will be available in the future. FamilySearch has announced they will discontinue microfilm distribution services. The last day to order microfilm will be August 31, 2017. FamilySearch plans to have all microfilm digitized by 2020.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that 27 pledges were received for Birdies for Charity. The John Deere Classis tournament dates are July 10-16. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be presented at our November Annual Dinner.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – No report. A list of [New Books](#) and the [Library holdings](#) are available on our web site.

Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas announced the completion of the 2016 Obituary Index. Bound Volumes have been delivered to local libraries. [Obituary Indexes for 2005-2016](#) are on our website.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the next Newsletter will be produced in mid July.

Registrar – No report.

Announcements:

The Annual Dinner meeting will be held November 9, 2017 at the Quad City Botanical Center. The program will be Bill Albrecht, a highly decorated soldier currently under consideration for the Medal of Honor, speaking on “Escape from Fire Base Kate – During the Vietnam War”.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be “Belgian Immigration to the QuadCities” by MaryAn Wherry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting June 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 12:15 p.m. at Pagalos Pizzeria, Milan, Illinois. Present were: Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

President Humphrey shared a communication from the Illinois State Genealogical Society regarding the upcoming State Conference to be held October 27 and 28 in Moline. RICIGS will co-sponsor this conference and will provide local coordinators for several functions. President Humphrey will send ISGS contact information for the following positions:

Local Host Chair:	Kitty Humphrey
Local Publicity and Advertising Coordinator	Linda Polich
Local Volunteer Coordinators	Deb VanSant and Betty Hagberg

Registration information from the [ISGS Website](#) was reviewed and will be posted on RICIGS Website. Conference brochures are expected to be available soon.

RICIGS will receive 10% of any profits from the Conference in return for their support.

Sally Bartosh suggested making a list of local organizations such as DAR, Computer Society, etc. to make sure we contact all groups that may have an interest in attending.

To facilitate payment of the lunch check for the group, Linda Polich moved and Kathy Elliott seconded that they lunch be paid for from RICIGS funds. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Linda Polich (filling in for President Humphrey) at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Marilyn Mix, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Sally Bartosh, and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes from the June 28th meeting were emailed to Board members by Linda Walker, They were accepted with two corrections.

Linda Walker reported by email to the Board a checkbook balance of \$2,940.73 as of June 30, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.26 for a total of \$23,061.09 as of June 30, 2017. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Julie Vogel reported receiving an inquiry regarding information on a Presbyterian Church in Rock Island.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Shay Elliott presented information on the effort to preserve Iowa Pioneer Cemeteries by the State Association for the preservation of Iowa Cemeteries.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has received and installed the Adobe DC software approved at last month's Board meeting. The Website Planning Committee met to review the publications we currently have for sale. An inventory was taken and 9 publications were identified for possible inclusion on the website. Betty Hagberg will scan these and the Board will be asked to help determine where to place publications on the website: Public site, Members Only or Shop.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that a photo of the instructors for this year's Education Classes will appear in the Dispatch on July 23. She announced that RootsMagic 7.5 has been released and is available for download. This version allows synchronization with trees on Ancestry. A new RootsMagic Guide is also available. FamilyTreeMagazine.com is offering a free 13 page e-book entitled "Preserve Your Old Family Photos. The New York State Death Index is now online for free at [Reclaim the Records](#).
- e. Fundraising – We received 5 free JD Classic tickets as part of our participation in the Birdies for Charity Campaign. They were distributed to members.
- f. FGS Delegate – The summer issue of the "Forum" contains an article by Judy Russell titled "The Rules of Conflict" addressing possible copyright issues regarding items received from estates. A new Webinar Series on Society Management was announced.
- g. Historian – Although the Historian position is vacant, Linda Polich has continued to add pages to the Society Scrapbook. She added 12 pages that are now in the binder located in our Library at RICHS.
- h. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported that Trimble's will reprint cards they had mistakenly discarded so they can be added to our collection.
- i. Librarian – No report
- j. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- k. Obituary Indexing –No report.
- l. Publication Sales – Julie Vogel received an order for publications from a library.
- m. Quarterly Editor – The Newsletter is ready to be emailed to members. Julie Vogel asked for clarification on member status for several names. Marilyn Mix will check records.
- n. Quarterly Mailing – No report

- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – No report.
- q. RICIGS Future Goals was suggested as a new agenda topic for Board meetings. Reports would be requested from the three committees established during our Planning Process: Website (Julie Vogel and Betty Hagberg have held two planning meetings); Classes and Lunch & Learn (Linda Polich and Education Committee) and Library Access (Shay and Kathy Elliott have not yet been able to schedule a meeting to address this). If there are more issues than can be addressed at regular board meetings a special meeting should be called. The Board should determine a future date for presenting information on the Future Goals at a General Meeting.
- r. ISGS Fall Conference should also be added to the Board Agenda. The Registration form is available on the [ISGS website](#). RICIGS will be receiving a box of Conference Brochures. Linda Polich sent names of local chairs to Dawn Henry.

Old Business:

A Nominating Committee needs to be established, possible positions needed, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large. Slate should be presented at the September General meeting and voted on at the October meeting.

Julie Vogel still needs photos for placemats for the Annual Dinner. Linda Polich will send her an example she previously used for placemats.

Items previously discussed still needing action: Changing start time for General Meeting (consensus was that any change should happen at the beginning of the year), East Moline Christian School Research Request.

New Business:

Linda Polich confirmed meeting and class dates with Butterworth for the remainder of 2017.

Discussion was held on how to celebrate RICIGS 45th Anniversary. Julie Vogel offered to make a sign that could be used at various functions. Suggestions included noting at General Meetings by including information on our history; cake at Annual Dinner; possibly cookies at a future General Meeting.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, August 10, 2017 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library. Program will be MaryAn Wherry with a program on Belgium.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
July 25, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Library with 46 members and guests in attendance.

Program:

“Belgian Immigration to the QuadCities” by MaryAn Wherry.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Linda Walker reported checking ending balance as of 30 June 2017 as \$2,940.73. Total interest earned on savings was \$21.26 for an ending savings balance of \$23,061.09.

Interesting Genealogy Discoveries – Deb VanSant reported that on her recent trip to New England states she was able to visit the graves of 18 of her 4th – 9th Greatgrandparents!

Committee Reports:

Conference - Beth Hoffman announced that the QuadCities Genealogical Conference, hosted jointly by RICIGS and SCIGS is looking for a new Registrar.

Education – Linda Polich reported that the announcement of our upcoming Education Classes appeared in the Sunday, Dispatch with a photo of the instructors. Registration form can be found on our [Website](#). She announced that RootsMagic can now synchronize family trees with Ancestry. Julie Vogel announced that Family Tree Maker can now also synchronize with Ancestry. [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#) offers free e-books for download. A recent title is “Preserve Your Old Family Photos” The Summer FGS Forum has an article on “Desperately Seeking Software” giving advice on choosing a genealogy program.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that the number of birdies for the 2017 JDC Golf Tournament was 1,918. The proceeds from the Birdies for Charity fundraiser will be presented at our November Annual Dinner.

Librarian – Deb VanSant reported purchasing 19 new books for the Library. A list of [New Books](#) and the [Library holdings](#) are available on our web site.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the Summer newsletter has been emailed to members.

Old Business

Conference brochures for the Oct. 27-28 ISGS Conference at the iWireless Center, Moline, are now available. Registration forms are available on the [ISGS Site](#). RICIGS is the local host for this conference and will be seeking volunteers to serve as room monitors and various other volunteer positions.

New Business

A non-board member is needed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested should contact a Board member. Also, members interested in serving as an officer or wanting to be more involved in Society Committees are invited to contact a Board Member.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be "RICIGS Benefactor – Nomie Budelier and her Ancestors" Presented by Julie Vogel and Kitty Humphrey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Humphrey at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Sally Bartosh, Linda Walker, Pat McCoy, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes of the July 13th meeting were accepted as emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Linda Walker, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$2,829.35 as of July 31, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$20.61 for a total of \$23,081.70. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel updated the group on plans to add Society publications to the Web site. Pat McCoy moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to provide up to \$200 for expenses involved in digitizing and testing the possibility of 'print on demand' for publications. The motion passed.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the upcoming Education Classes have 27 registered, including 5 new members. Revenue stands at \$330. Topics and dates for 2018 Lunch and Learn have been set: February 16, Organizing Your Genealogy; April 6, Researching Your Female Ancestors; June 15, Brick Walls; August 17, Military Records; October 19, Researching British Isles (including Findmypast Web Site. Linda reported on a new Grave Locator Web Map for Riverside and Moline Memorial cemeteries: at the web site: <http://moline.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7db6176d8c0d40768229316578d414da> . MyHeritage has acquired the Millenia Corporation, makers of Legacy Family Tree.
- e. Fundraising – Twenty seven pledges were received amounting to \$756.06 plus a bonus check. This will be picked up in October and presented at our Annual Dinner.
- f. FGS Delegate – The FGS.org web site provides an FGS Member Logo that could be used on our website to show we are a member.
- g. Historian – No report.
- h. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported that Trimble's will reprint cards they had mistakenly discarded so they can be added to our collection.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported she is upgrading our list of Library books on the web site to include images of the covers and a description of the book. She having a new copy of a Pease book that was missing bound. Deb continues to work on the genealogical materials donated by Barb Johnson.
- j. Obituary Indexing –Ongoing.
- k. Publication Sales – A check was received for publications from an Oklahoma library, and the order form needs to be located so that the publications can be sent.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel will start on the Fall Quarterly on October 1.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report
- n. Registrar – No report.
- o. Vice President – No report.
- p. RICIGS Future Goals - Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott and Deb VanSant met with RICHS Director Ronna Stickrod to explore ways to provide increased access to the RICIGS Library. RICIGS members will now

have access to the entire collection housed at RICHS at no charge. The idea of having RICIS volunteers at the library to help members will continue to be explored.

- q. ISGS Fall Conference: Linda Polich, Local Publicity Chair has distributed conference brochures to local libraries and groups connected to genealogy. Betty Hagberg and Deb VanSant had a phone conference with the Conference Volunteer Chair. An online sign-up program will be available so assist in volunteer sign-up.

Old Business:

Kitty Humphrey announced she had followed up on the Nomie Budelier estate. There are still some legal issues to be settled.

Kitty Humphrey asked for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee. Seeing no volunteers, she has taken on that responsibility. Deb VanSant moved and Jan McKenzie seconded a motion to suspend the By-Laws requirement to allow the President to serve on the nominating committee. The motion passed. Pat McCoy will assist and another non-Board member will be sought. Kitty has offered to stay on as President for another year. Betty Hagberg offered to stay as Secretary. Officer positions open are: Vice President, Treasurer and Member at Large. Linda Walker offered to take the Historian position. The vote for new officers might take place at the September meeting since the October meeting will be at RICHS.

Julie Vogel needs photos for placemats for the Annual Dinner by August 24.

Julie Vogel has produced a sign celebrating the Society's 45th Anniversary. Betty Hagberg will provide cookies at the August meeting as part of the celebration.

Members will be asked for input on the idea of changing the meeting time for the General Meeting to an earlier time.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey is exploring the idea of Board Members and spouses gathering for a social event on the Celebration Belle.

Linda Polich presented the idea of offering guests to our meetings a packet with the Society Brochure and perhaps a pen. Kathy Elliott offered to do this. It was mentioned that Marilyn Mix as Registrar might want to take this on.

Kitty Humphrey announced she has almost completed booking programs for the upcoming year.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center. Program will be "RICIGS Benefactor – Nomie Budelier and Her Ancestors" presented by Julie Vogel and Kitty Humphrey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
August 22, 2017

Treasurer Linda Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 31 members and 1 guest in attendance. In recognition of the Society's 45th Anniversary, cookies were served and an anniversary sign was displayed. From our website, a list of charter members was shown.

Several members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

The program "RICIGS Benefactor – Nomie Budelier and her Ancestors" was presented by Julie Vogel.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Linda Walker reported checking ending balance as of 31 July 2017 as \$2,829.35. Total interest earned on savings was \$20.61 for an ending savings balance of \$23,081.70.

President's Comments:

ISGS Conference - RICIGS is the local host society for the ISGS Conference to be held at the i-Wireless Center in Moline on October 27-28, 2017. Program brochures are available on the front table and are also available on the ISGS Web Site. Volunteers are being sought for jobs such as room monitors and registration assistants. Members will receive an email with a link to an online form where they can volunteer for specific positions.

Members are being sought to serve on the RICIGS Board. The Vice-President and Treasurer positions are open. Anyone having interest in serving on the Board please contact any Board Member.

Committee Reports:

Education – Linda Polich announced the first of three skill building workshops was a success.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that the proceeds from the Birdies for Charity fundraiser will be presented at our November Annual Dinner. She thanked all that participated.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the next Quarterly will be published in October.

Old Business

Details of the Nomie Budelier estate are being finalized and we should hear something in the next 90 days as to when we might receive our funds from the estate.

Tote bags and T-shirts are still available for \$15.00 each. Contact Kitty Humphrey.

New Business

An email survey regarding preferred start time and location of our General Meetings will be sent to members for input.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be: Photos from Family Summer Gatherings. Members are asked to share a photo and memory. Our October 24 meeting will be a research session at the RICHS Library and on November 9 we will hold our Annual Dinner at the Botanical Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Humphrey at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Sally Bartosh, Linda Walker, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Deb VanSant, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Linda Walker, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$3,200.78 as of August 31, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.36 for a total of \$23,103.06. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reviewed the status of recent correspondence.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel updated the group on additions to the website including updates to the [Genealogy Resources for Rock Island County](#) and the [Shop](#).
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the first two Education Classes were very successful. Class three for this season will be held on October 14. The next Lunch and Learn will be on Friday, September 22. The [SwedGen Tour](#) will be held at Augustana College on Saturday, September 30. Cost is \$45.00. Pre-registration is required. The Geneseo Library Genealogy Group meets the second Friday of each month 1:30-3:30 at the Library. On Friday, October 13, Gene Eiklor will be speaking on Research Tips.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich will pick up the checks from this year's Birdies for Charity on October 31.
- f. FGS Delegate – Society Webinars are presented on the 3rd Thursday each month from 7-8 p.m. September topic is "Borrowing Corporate Strategy Techniques for Your Society." The October webinar will be "The Social Media Manger Role in Today's Society".
- g. Historian – Historian Linda Walker took photos of the Education Classes.
- h. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported that Wendt Funeral Home will participate in our collection of Funeral Cards.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported finding some cash in the materials donated by Barb Johnson. Tammy Castagnoli will be contacted.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker asked the board to consider if Obituary Indexing is still relevant and also questioned the need to index the Quad-Cities Times.
- k. Quarterly Editor – Deadline for content for the Fall Quarterly is October 1.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – No report
- m. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported three new members.

Old Business:

Julie Vogel reported on the survey of members regarding starting time for the General Meeting.

6:30 22 votes

7:00 4 votes

No preference 3 votes

It was agreed starting 2018 to change the meeting time to 6:30.

Nominating Committee: Kitty Humphrey announced that Judi McDowell has offered to stand for election for our Treasurer position. The Vice President and Member at Large are still being sought. The slate of officers will be presented at the September meeting and voted on at that time.

ISGS Conference Update. An email will be sent to the membership asking for volunteers for the upcoming ISGS Conference. Linda Polich is preparing a sign and materials for our Society table at the Conference. Linda Polich announced that she has been asked to serve on the Board of the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

New Business:

Linda Polich suggested consideration of a Society membership to Findmypast. This would provide members a 50% discount on the subscription price.

Deb VanSant suggested a Society project to publish a collection of ahnentafel charts of our members.

Kitty Humphrey will provide copies of the paperwork to Board members explaining that the Society does not need to collect and pay sales tax on the sale of our publications.

Kitty Humphrey has been asked to be the Illinois Governor of the Jamestown Society.

Linda Polich offered to bring cookies to the September General Meeting.

Julie Vogel will update the Society brochure and send to Kitty for printing.

Betty Hagberg will compile questions concerning what information on Vital Records can be published by the Society. Kitty Humphrey will discuss with County Clerk Karen Kinney.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center. Program will be "Photos from Family Summer Gatherings". Members are asked bring a photo and memory to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
September 26, 2017

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance. In recognition of the Society's 45th Anniversary, cookies (provided by Linda Polich) were served and an anniversary sign was displayed.

Several members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Linda Walker reported checking ending balance as of 31 August 2017 as \$3,200.78. Total interest earned on savings was \$21.36 for an ending savings balance of \$23,103.06.

Committee Reports:

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported on recent enhancements to our website. The [Rock Island County Genealogy Resources](#) page has been expanded and contains links to many sources on Rock Island County. The [Members Only](#) area now contains Society publications available for download and viewing by members at no cost. If you don't remember your password, there is a link on this page to reset your password. Check out the [RICIGS Shop](#) where you can buy our tote bags and t-shirts and non-members can purchase publications.

Education – Linda Polich announced the first two of three skill building workshops were a success. The third class for this year will be on October 14. The schedule for 2018 Lunch and Learn sessions can be found on our [website](#).

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that the proceeds from the Birdies for Charity fundraiser will be picked up October 31 and presented at our November Annual Dinner.

Historian – Linda Walker has taken over the Historian position and is taking photos of our various events.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie announced that we have over 6900 Funeral Memory cards that have been collected from funeral homes and members. There is an [index](#) on our website and the cards are in a file in RICIGS Library located at the Rock Island Historical Society Library.

Librarian – Deb VanSant announced improvements to our [Library holdings list](#). You can search the list using the Find command in your web browser. A project is underway to add additional details for each book such as a cover photo and summary.

Obituaries – Linda Walker is indexing obituaries in the Dispatch/Argus and Quad Cities Times. Books are published annually. [Obituary Books for 2005-2016](#) are available on our website.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the next Quarterly will be published in October.

Old Business

Members responded to an email survey on preferred time for RICIGS General Meetings.

6:30 - 22 Votes

7:00 - 4 Votes

No preference – 3 Votes

Beginning with the January 2018 meeting, our meeting time will change to 6:30.

ISGS Conference Update – RICIGS is the local host for the [Fall ISGS Conference](#) to be held in Moline, 27-28 October, 2017 at the iWireless Center. Local volunteers are being sought for positions such as Hospitality, Registration and Room Monitors. We need your help! You can [volunteer](#) for some positions even if you are not attending the conference. Call Betty Hagberg (309-762-0384) or Deb VanSant (563-349-5380) with questions.

New Business

The nominating committee put forth the following slate for 2018 Officer and Board positions:

President – Kitty Humphrey

Vice President – Deb VanSant

Recording Secretary – Betty Hagberg

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Treasurer – Judi McDowell

Member at Large – Open

Jan McKenzie moved and Linda Walker seconded approval of the slate as presented. The motion passed.

Program:

“Photos from Family Summer Gatherings” Members brought photos and stories to share.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Butterworth Center.

The next general membership meeting will be “Research Night” held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the RICHS Library. Our Annual Dinner will be on November 9 at the Botanical Center. Registration information will be mailed to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Humphrey at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Kathy Elliott, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Sally Bartosh, Linda Walker, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Deb VanSant, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Linda Walker, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$3,266.02 as of September 30, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.81 for a total of \$23,124.87. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence: President Humphrey is following up on a request for cemetery information.

Incoming Board Members Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren were welcomed.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [web site](#) is up to date.
- c. ISGS Conference – Linda Polich reported that she has prepared materials for the RICIGS table at the [ISGS Fall Conference](#) to be held in Moline on October 27-28. The Society will give a one year membership as a door prize. Deb VanSant reported that several [volunteer positions](#) still need to be filled. Those not attending can volunteer for registration or hospitality functions.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the final class for this year will be held on October 14. Revenue from classes this year is \$355.00 with \$72.23 in expenses. The SwedGen Tour held at Augustana College on Saturday, September 30, was well attended and interesting.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich will pick up the checks from this year's Birdies for Charity on October 31. There will be a special drawing to award an extra \$1000 for those who arrive early.
- f. FGS Delegate – FGS Webinars are presented on the 3rd Thursday each month from 7-8 p.m. Linda Polich attended the September session "Borrowing Corporate Strategy Techniques for Your Society," and distributed a handout to Board members for use in our Society long range planning. The October webinar will be "The Social Media Manager Role in Today's Society". Board Members can access these webinars (as well as other FGS resources) through our Society's membership [at FGS.org](#).. Use member number 16521 and password ricigs.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported that she picked up cards from Esterdahl's. Records from the Hodgson Funeral Home in Rock Island, which has closed, have been transferred to Runge Mortuary, Davenport. Runge has declined giving funeral cards or any other records to RICIGS.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported she has completed organizing materials received from Ruth Thompson. So far in October she has added 52 items to the Library including materials from Barb Johnson and Ruth Thompson and purchases from a trip to Iowa. Deb has provided old copies of our Quarterly to be scanned for inclusion on our website. She continues on a project to scan the covers of library publications for inclusion on the web site.
- i. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker reports this is ongoing.
- j. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has completed the Fall 2017 Quarterly which has been mailed to members.
- k. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported that she and Shay picked up the Quarterlies from the printer, prepared mailing labels and mailed at the post office. An additional trip to the printer was necessary because the printer had initially lost track of one of our boxes of Quarterlies.
- l. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported one new member.

Old Business:

Julie Vogel is updating the brochure for the Annual Dinner. She will be preparing the placemats using photos contributed by members. Kitty has purchased table decorations for the dinner. Kathy Elliott will give the invocation and Shay Elliott will install the officers.

Kathy Elliott provided mailing labels to Kitty Humphrey to use in mailing the Annual Dues Statement and Invitation to our Annual Dinner to members.

Congratulations were offered to Linda Polich on her appointment to the Board of the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

Linda Polich has followed up with Findmypast on the status of our request to participate in their Society Membership Program.

Linda Polich responded to a request from the German American Heritage Center on assistance in teaching genealogy classes. They will contact us when help is needed and we will decide at that time whether we can lend assistance.

Julie Vogel has updated the Society brochure and sent it to Kitty Humphrey for printing.

Kitty Humphrey reported that it is expected that we would receive our \$10,000 bequest from the Nomic Budelier estate by the end of the year.

New Business:

President Kitty Humphrey announced she will not serve as President for the 2018 year. Board members should contact her if they have suggestions for a replacement.

A special Board Meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 to discuss RICIGS Long Range Plans. Among the topics to be discussed are current projects including Cemeteries, Obituary Indexing, Publications, and ideas for new projects including publishing a collection of Ahnentafel charts of our members and subscribing to services such as Lisa Louise Cook and Findmypast, as a Society.

Jan McKenzie offered to bring cookies to the October General Meeting.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. A special Long Range Planning Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday November 16 at Butterworth Center Oak Room, unless it is unavailable in which case the Board will be notified. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Historical Society Library for a research night.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
October 24, 2017

A meeting was held at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library for individual research.

No business was conducted.

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Special Board Planning Meeting
November 16, 2017

On 16 November 2017, a Special Board Meeting was held to continue discussion on our Society goals. Attending were: Kitty Humphrey, Betty Hagberg, Linda Walker, Linda Polich, Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren.

We addressed Goal 7: Review status of other projects and determine if we can update our methods.

The following projects were discussed:

Cemeteries

Deb VanSant proposed a project to enter information from our existing cemetery books into Find-A-Grave. Deb VanSant and Kitty Humphrey will be the Project Leaders. Deb will provide copies of the books to volunteers who will check to see if information is in Find-A-Grave and add any additional information. The following Board Members volunteered to work on the project: Kathy Holmgren, Judi McDowell, Kitty Humphrey and Jan McKenzie. Deb will bring books to the December Board Meeting. Additional volunteers will be sought from the General Membership.

In the future, a Cemetery Committee chairperson is still needed to determine the overall direction of Society work documenting cemeteries.

Obituaries

Linda Walker will continue to index obituaries appearing in the Argus/Dispatch through 2018. She will not index obituaries from the QC Times. Work is also continuing to produce books for 1965-1969, and 1950's. Liz Casillas recently completed volumes for 1960-1964 which have been delivered to local libraries. Work is also needed to finalize information on the 1940's.

Projects/Publications

A project to create a complete listing of RICIGS publications and projects was proposed by Linda Polich. This list will detail information on the status of projects and the location and formats of publications produced by the project. Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant and Linda Polich will work on producing the list.

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Humphrey at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, Marilyn Mix, Deb VanSant, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

The minutes of October 12, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Linda Walker, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$13,396.54 as of November 30, 2017. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.73 for a total of \$23,167.73. The report will be filed for review. A check for \$10,000 was received from the Budelier Estate. She suggests that after the first of the year money should be transferred from checking to a new CD.

Correspondence: A thank-you was received from Moline Foundation for our \$50.00 donation which was made on behalf of our Annual Dinner Speaker Bill Albrecht.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Deb VanSant has made a list of Rock Island County cemeteries with notation on when they have been walked.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [web site](#) has been updated with 2018 information on programs and officers.
- c. Conference – Kathy and Shay Elliott announced that Conference topics have been chosen and the Committee will meet to prepare registration mailing on January 30. More RICIGS Brochures will be needed at the time of the Conference for the Conference bags.
- d. ISGS/ISGS Conference – Linda Polich reported that 220 registered for the Fall ISGS Conference held in Moline. RICIGS will receive 5% of the profits from the Conference which are expected by the end of 2017. RICIGS donated a door prize of a membership in RICIGS and distributed brochures and flyers at a Society table. Linda Polich attended a Society Forum. As part of our Society's Associate Membership in ISGS, Linda Polich has been named Associate Representative in addition to our Society President, Kitty Humphrey. RICIGS is entitled to a free Special Event advertisement in the ISGS newsletter that perhaps could be used by the RICIGS/SCIGS Annual Conference. Linda Polich will serve on the ISGS Education Committee and will learn how to monitor and organize webinars. A new Facebook group called ISGS Illinois Local Society Leadership is open to all Board Members.
- e. Education – Linda Polich reported that the schedule for the 2018 Education Classes has been changed to accommodate the ISGS Fall Conference in Springfield. The new date for class 3 is October 20, 2018. The Education Team plans to create and distribute an Education Opportunities handout for General meetings. They also hope to schedule a "Now What?" session at RICHS in January 2019 as a follow-up for attendees of their 2018 Education Classes.
- f. Fundraising – Linda Polich presented a check for \$932. at our Annual Dinner from the Birdies for Charity campaign.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich, as our Society Representative, voted for FGS Officers for the upcoming year. An FGS webinar titled "Creative Programming Options for Small Societies" will be presented on December 21. Board Members can access these webinars (as well as other FGS resources) through our Society's membership [at FGS.org](http://FGS.org). Use member number 16521 and password ricigs.
- h. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported work is ongoing.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant has completed a project to photograph the covers of Library publications for inclusion in the Library Catalog. She will undertake a project to add table of contents information from

family history books to the Library Catalog database. A donation of several local school yearbooks has been received and will be added to the Library.

- j. Queries – Deb VanSant has accepted the position to handle queries. She responded to a request for information on the Conwell family. A \$100 research fee was received. She also accepted an additional request that has been received.
- k. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker reports this is ongoing.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel will accept content for the next Newsletter through January 7.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 59 renewals, 1 credit and 12 life members. Fifty four members have not yet renewed.

Society Goals:

Project/Publications Goal: Betty Hagberg, Linda Polich and Deb VanSant have completed an inventory of Masters of publications held in the locked cabinet at RICHS. Next steps are to determine if there is project output that has not yet been completed or published and evaluate publications that could be made available on our website. Kathy Elliott moved and Kathy Holmgren seconded to destroy working copies of projects. The motion passed.

Cemetery Goal: Deb VanSant explained the process to update Find a Grave with information from our Cemetery Books. She prepared information on several cemeteries which were distributed to Board Members for entry.

Community Outreach Goal: Linda Walker and Linda Polich manned a Society table at the Stoney Creek Vendor and Craft Show. They handed out 50-60 information packets and thought the effort was worthwhile.

Old Business:

Linda Polich reported that Findmypast no longer has a Society Membership program.

Packets of information on RICIGS left over from the recent Vendor Fair will be given to visitors to our General Meetings.

RICIGS Brochures have been returned to storage at RICHS and the projector is at RICHS in locked cabinet.

New Business:

Discussion was held on a change of venue for our Annual Dinner in 2018. Various possibilities on location were presented as well as the possibility of changing the Dinner from evening to daytime.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Proving or Disproving Family by RICIGS members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Board Meetings 2017

January – meeting held at Butterworth Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Center

April – meeting held at Butterworth Center

May – meeting held at Butterworth Center

June - meeting held at Butterworth Center

July - meeting held at Butterworth Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Center

September - meeting held at Butterworth Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Center

November – no meeting held due to annual dinner

December – meeting held at Butterworth Center

General Meetings 2017

January – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

April - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

May – field trip to Rock Island County Historical Society, no business meeting

June - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

July - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

September - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

November – annual dinner, no business meeting

December – no meeting