

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018

The Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
January 23, 2018

Vice President Deb VanSant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 20 members and 1 prospective member in attendance. Deb announced the resignation of President Kitty Humphrey due to health reasons.

Several members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting. They were accepted as read.

Treasurers Report – Linda Walker reported the year end checking balance as of 31 December 2017 as \$14,239.51. Total interest earned on savings for December was \$21.31 for an ending savings balance of \$23,189.04. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – The Board is considering changes in the direction of the Cemetery Committee, a chair is being sought.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [RICIGS website](#) is up to date and work is underway to add additional Quarterlies to the Members only section. The [Obituary Index for 1960-1964](#) has also been added.

Conference/Quarterly Mailing – Beth Hoffman reported that flyers for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, Saturday April 28, 2018, speaker Thomas Macentee, will be mailed in the next few weeks. Shay Elliott reported that the mailing lists for the Conference and Quarterlies are up to date.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer highlighting educational opportunities for the upcoming month. A list of upcoming educational opportunities is also on our [website](#). The first of the Society's Lunch and Learn sessions will be held on February 16, 2018 at 11:30 at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be "Organizing Your Genealogy". Members will receive an email prior to the event for sign-up to attend.

Fundraising – Linda Polich presented checks at our November Annual Dinner totaling \$932.00 received from the 2017 Birdies for Charity Campaign.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – Linda Polich thanked those who volunteered at the ISGS Fall Conference. RICIGS expects to receive a percentage of the proceeds from the Conference.

Historian – Linda Walker had no report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – Deb VanSant announced several new books were added to the Library. The [card catalog](#) has been updated with additional information including photos of book covers.

Obituaries – Linda Walker is indexing obituaries in the Dispatch/Argus. Work is ongoing.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the Winter Newsletter will be sent soon.

Queries – Deb VanSant responded to a request for information on the Conwell family.

Old Business

None

New Business

Suggestions for a new location for our Annual Dinner are being sought. Contact Deb VanSant with input.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7 (note change of day) at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 6:30p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Topic is “Share Your Genealogy Research Trip” There will be a change in location for our March 27 meeting. Schar Blevins will present on “Evaluating the Evidence – Analyzing and Interpreting Your Records” at the Butterworth Library.

Program:

Members presented examples of “Proving or Disproving Family Stories”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018

Deb VanSant has assumed duties as President due to the resignation of Kitty Humphrey for health reasons. An individual is needed to fill the Vice President position.

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

The minutes of December 14, 2017 meeting were accepted as emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg. There was no January Board Meeting due to inclement weather.

Treasurer Judi McDowell, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$14,687.51 as of January 31, 2018. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$21.90 for a total of \$23,215.94. The report will be filed for review. Kathy Elliott moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to transfer \$5,000 from checking to the Money Market account and to transfer an additional \$5,000 from checking, combine it with our 6 month CD which will mature on February 23, 2018, and purchase a new 15 month CD. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Julie Vogel reported that a request for information on 1861 Rock Island church records was received.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Deb VanSant has additional Cemetery books available for anyone wishing to check them against Find A Grave and to enter any missing information.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [web site](#) is up to date. RICIGS Quarterlies and Newsletters for 2004 to date are now complete in the Members Only section of the website.
- c. Conference – Kathy Elliott and Judi McDowell announced that the Conference registration brochures have been mailed. RICIGS will have a table at the Conference.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that she has ordered door prizes to use for this year's classes. Upcoming [Blackhawk College Lifelong Learner Luncheons](#) include presentations on the Rock Island Poor Farm on March 15, and Swedish Heritage on April 11. The next Lunch and Learn sessions on Organizing Your Genealogy will be held February 16. Beginning February 1, 2018 digital collections at the Swedish National Archives are free.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that pledge cards for this year's Birdies for Charity can be picked up on April 9.
- f. FGS Delegate – Upcoming FGS webinars include "Breaking Out of the Box; Creative Thinking for your 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 – No report.
- h. Historian – Linda Walker is adding photos to the most recent scrapbook.
- i. Librarian – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker reports this is ongoing.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg is currently indexing the Quarterlies.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced that the winter newsletter has been distributed.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries – Deb VanSant has no report.

- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 84 renewals, 1 credit and 12 life members. Thirty four members have not yet renewed. The end of March was suggested as the cut off for access to the web site for members who have not renewed.

Old Business:

Society Goals:

Project/Publications Goal: The list of publications that was produced in December will be used to determine if there are publications that could be scanned or if there is project output that was never published.

Community Outreach Goal: Linda Polich is investigating possibilities for outreach at vendor fairs or senior centers.

Discussion was held on locations for the Annual Dinner. One possibility is using the Butterworth Education Center and hiring a caterer.

New Business:

Amendment to Standing Rules: Judi McDowell moved and Linda Walker seconded a motion to amend the Society Standing Rules to reflect the change in starting time for Board and General Meetings. The motion passed.

The Rules will now read:

2. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Ave., Moline, Illinois on the fourth Tuesday of the Month, January through October unless otherwise announced. The Annual Dinner is held in November.

3. Board meetings are held a 6:00 pm at the Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, Illinois unless otherwise stated, on the second Thursday of the month January through December.

The new Society brochures are ready to be picked up.

Judy McDowell will audit the 2017 treasurer's records.

Announcements

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "Share Your Genealogy Road Trip" by RICIGS members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
February 27, 2018

Shay and Kathy Elliott will fill the vacant slot of Vice President. Vice President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 18 members in attendance.

Several members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a January 31, 2018 ending check book balance of \$14,687.51. Total interest earned for the month was \$21.90 bringing total savings to \$23,215.94. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [RICIGS website](#) is up to date. Board and Membership meeting minutes have been added to the Members Only section.

Conference/Quarterly Mailing – Registration brochures for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, Saturday April 28, 2018, speaker Thomas MacEntee, have been mailed.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer highlighting educational opportunities for the upcoming month. A list of upcoming educational opportunities is also on our [website](#). The first of the Society's Lunch and Learn sessions was a success with 20 members attending.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that materials for the 2018 Birdies for Charity campaign will be available in mid-April.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – No report.

Historian – No report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – No report.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported that work is ongoing.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced an April 1 deadline for material for the Spring Quarterly.

Old Business

The RICIGS Annual Dinner has been scheduled for a Sunday in November at the Butterworth Education Center. More information will be available at a later date.

New Business

None.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Butterworth Center. Schar Blevins will present on “Evaluating the Evidence – Analyzing and Interpreting Your Records”.

Program:

Members told fascinating stories for our program: “Share your Genealogy Road Trip”.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Van Sant at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Judi McDowell, Shay Elliott, Kathy Holmgren, Deb Van Sant and Kathy Elliott.

President Van Sant stated she would be unable to attend the next General Meeting on March 27th or the Board Meeting on April 12, 2018. Vice President Shay Elliott will conduct the March 27th meeting but the Elliott's will be out of town on April 12th. The Board meeting will be held as scheduled and another Board member will conduct the meeting. Shay will keep the President's keys while Deb is absent.

The secretary's minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting were accepted as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$ 4,511.73 as of February 28, 2018. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$22.10 for a total of \$37,749.77. A CD in the amount of \$7,236.45 will renew on March 12, 2018. A new 18 Month CD will be purchased with those funds. The report was filed for review. Judi McDowell also presented an audit report of the treasurer's records for calendar year 2017 and states that all entries are correct.

Budget: Treasurer McDowell presented a proposed budget for calendar year 2018. Board members reviewed the budget and tabled it for a vote at the April Board meeting.

Correspondence: Several brochures on upcoming conferences were received. They will be given to Julie Vogel for inclusion on the website.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell said she has been looking at some ideas for using Find-A-Grave or Billion Graves in local cemeteries. She is still considering the possibility of chairing this committee.
- b. Computer Interest – No report.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported she has received about 60 reservations so far. The next committee meeting will be on April 25th to stuff bags for attendees. The Society will donate a tee shirt and tote bag to be used as a door prize at Conference.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported she is working on class flyers and will bring 250 copies to the March General Meeting for use in Conference registration bags. The next Lunch and Learn is on April 6th and will be on the topic “Tracing Your Female Ancestors”.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich will pick up Birdies for Charity pledge cards in April and will be ready to mail them out soon after that.
- f. FGS Delegate – On March 15th a webinar will be presented on “Preserving Your Society's Historical and Genealogical Records.” FGS webinars are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The webinars are free to watch live but advance registration is required and their website does not have current webinar information.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported that all new books have been added to the shelves.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No report.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg sent word that an order for three publications was received from the DAR Library for a total of \$65.50. The publications were sent March 5, 2018.
- l. Quarterly Editor – No report.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.

- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she received 9 renewals tonight. There are currently 25 yet to renew. Marilyn will send reminder cards to them. The question was asked if we still needed to have membership cards. A poll will be taken at the next General Meeting.

Old Business:

Society Goals:

Linda Polich reported she had recently given a community outreach program for a group of 12 ladies at a local church.

Linda Polich said that previously there was a spare key to the locked RICIGS cabinet kept in the basement at RICHS so that any Board member needing to access the locked cabinet could use that key to do so. That key is now missing and Betty Hagberg doesn't have access to masters if she needs them. Shay said he would have a duplicate key made from the President's key and give it to Betty.

New Business:

The Annual Dinner was discussed and Deb Van Sant said it is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Butterworth Education Center. Doors will open at 12:30 pm and serving will begin at 1:00 pm. A committee needs to be formed to plan the dinner. Deb Van Sant will chair the committee and Linda Polich volunteered as a committee member. The Vice President will announce information on the Annual Dinner at the March General Meeting and ask for volunteers for the committee also. Tim Pletkovich might be a possible guest speaker. Deb will contact him to discuss a program for the Dinner.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
March 27, 2018

Vice President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library with 23 members in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Schar Blevins presented the program on “Evaluating the Evidence – Analyzing and Interpreting Your Records”.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a February 28, 2018 ending check book balance of \$4,511.73. Total interest earned for the month was \$22.10 bringing total savings to \$33,238.04. During the month, \$5,000.00 was transferred from checking to the Money Market account and an additional \$5,000.00 was transferred to a 15 month CD. RICIGS share of proceeds from the ISGS Conference amounting to \$263.64 was received. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [RICIGS website](#) is up to date.

Conference/Quarterly Mailing – Judi McDowell announced that at this time 161 have registered for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, Saturday April 28, 2018.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer highlighting educational opportunities for the upcoming month. A list of upcoming educational opportunities is also on our [website](#). The next Lunch and Learn program will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Butterworth Educational Center in Moline. The topic will be “Tracing Your Female Ancestors”. Members are asked to register by sending an email to info@ricigs.org.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced participation in the 2018 Birdies for Charity campaign. Pledge cards will be sent to members in mid-April. RICIGS has participated in this fundraising event for the past five years and has received a total of \$3,961.25. Proceeds are used for special projects and to support expenses for speakers from out of the area.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – Linda Polich announced the upcoming FGS Conference will be held August 23-26 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The ISGS Fall Conference will be held October 26-27 in Springfield, IL. The NGS Conference will be held May 2-5 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Historian – No report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – No report.

Membership – Marilyn Mix reported that 16 members have not yet renewed.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported that work is ongoing.

Publications – An order for 4 Society publications was received from the DAR Library.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced an April 1 deadline for material for the Spring Quarterly.

Queries – Julie Vogel has received a query that will be sent to Board members

Old Business

The RICIGS Annual Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday November 4, 2018 at the Butterworth Education Center. Doors will open at 12:30 with dinner at 1 p.m. Linda Walker and Linda Polich offered to assist Deb VanSant with the Annual Dinner.

New Business

Discussion was held on whether or not membership cards are still needed. The input will go back to the Board for a decision.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. in the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “You’ve Taken a DNA Test, Now What?” by Betty Hagberg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting were accepted as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell, in a report emailed to the Board, shows a checkbook balance of \$ 4,465.73 as of March 31, 2018. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account earned \$30.03 for a total of \$37,773.80. The report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel, in an email to the Board, reported the receipt of a research request from Cody Bounds. A request was received from Rosewood Care Center for a speaker. Linda Polich will follow-up on the request for speaker. Julie has submitted information on our April-July meetings to the Dispatch to add to Daily Planner.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell will be taking some photos and plans to upload them to Find-A-Grave.
- b. Computer Interest – Web site is up to date. Contact Julie with any ideas or corrections.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported 177 reservations have been received. A meeting to stuff bags for the conference will be held the Wednesday prior to the conference. Although the conference speaker has sustained an injury, he has communicated he will be available for the conference.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced that the Lunch and Learn held on April 6th was a success with 15 attending.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich picked up the Birdies for Charity pledge cards and they are ready to be mailed to the membership. They are due back prior to June 1. She submitted a new 501c3 Verification Form to show our eligibility to participate.
- f. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich reported that the FGS website is “under construction” and the Spring 2018 FGS Forum is available at: https://www.dropbox.com/s/xxzrz368a5xfgbh/V30N1_Spring_2018.pdf?dl=0 The next FGS webinar is on Thursday, April 15th at 7 p.m.: “1890 Census Replacement Project: Creating a Genealogical Relevant Project for Your Society”.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Historian – Linda Walker reported she took photos at the Lunch and Learn program for our scrapbook.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported that a two volume book on Connecticut Revolutionary War records is available for around \$100. The consensus of the Board was to add it to the Library.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Ongoing.
- k. Publications – No report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel sent word that the Quarterly will be submitted to the printer Monday, April 16.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant reported answering one request.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 95 renewals leaving 15 that have not yet renewed. After discussion, it was decided that new members joining after July 1 of any year will have their membership extended through the following calendar year.

Old Business:

Budget review and approval: Linda Polich moved and Judi McDowell seconded approval of the 2018 budget. The motion passed with an additional yes vote received by email.

Annual Dinner: Room has been reserved. Speaker is still needed. Linda Polich will check with Mulkey's and Hy-Vee for catering prices.

Conference Door Prizes: The RICIGS Membership prize will cover membership through December 2019.

Projects and Goals: Discussion was held on the possibility of scheduling a special board meeting and the need to update the membership on the status of Projects and Goals.

Membership cards: Consensus is to continue membership cards using the stock of existing cards.

New Business:

As has been our ongoing practice, the Society President and the Society Treasurer will have access to RICIGS' safe deposit box. For 2018 those individuals are: President Deb VanSant and Treasurer Judi McDowell.

Announcements

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be by Betty Hagberg: "You took a DNA test ...Now what?" The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room. President Deb VanSant will be on vacation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Betty Hagberg', with a decorative flourish at the end.

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 24, 2018

President Deb VanSant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center with 28 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a March 31, 2018 ending check book balance of \$4,465.73. Total interest earned for the month was \$30.03. Month end Deposit Accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) totaled \$12,528.21 and Investment accounts (CD's) stood at \$25,205.59. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell plans to photograph headstones in cemeteries and upload to Find-a-Grave those not already present. Members are invited to contact Judi if they would like to join her.

Computer Interest – No report.

Conference – Judi McDowell announced that at this time 190 have registered for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, Saturday April 28, 2018.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer announcing upcoming educational opportunities for May. The April 6 Lunch and Learn session was a success. The next Lunch and Learn will be on June 15 and will focus on “Solving Brickwalls”. A list of upcoming educational opportunities is also on our [website](#).

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced the 2018 Birdies for Charity campaign pledge cards have been mailed to members. Sixteen pledges have been received to date. The only expense to the Society is first-class postage which this year was \$55.00.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – Linda Polich reported that FGS is redesigning their website. Registration is now open for the Fall ISGS Conference October 26-27 in Springfield. ISGS is introducing the Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificate program in honor of Illinois' Bicentennial year. Those whose family has been in the State since 1818 are eligible to participate.

Historian – No report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – No report.

Membership – Members who have not paid 2018 dues will be dropped from the mailing list for the Quarterly.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported that work is ongoing.

Quarterly/Mailing – The Spring Quarterly should be mailed next week.

Queries – No report.

Old Business

The Board decided to continue providing membership cards as long as we have a stock of them.

New Business

None.

Program:

Betty Hagberg presented the program on “You took a DNA test...Now what?”

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Library. The program will be “Asylums, Sanitariums and Hospitals: Early Healthcare Institutions of Rock Island County” by Mary Ann Wherry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Elliott at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Linda Walker, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting were accepted as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,891.13 as of April 30, 2018. Interest earned was \$34.54. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, and Money Market) totaled \$11,953.94. Investment accounts (CD's) totaled \$25,239.80. The report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported on a message from Janet Pease indicating an interest in typing some of the Newspaper Abstracts she had previously sent to the Society. An inquiry was received that Julie will respond to.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell will be scheduling a date to take photos of memorial markers and will upload them to Find-A-Grave.
- b. Computer Interest – Web site is up to date. Julie Vogel has reviewed membership to make sure all members have access to the Members Only part of the website.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported there were 200 registrations for the Conference. The Conference Committee is considering a change of date or place for next year's conference because the Rock Island Holiday Inn is not available on our regular date.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced that the Education Committee is gearing up for this year's classes. Dates should be available by the June Board meeting. A new book "Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com, Second Edition" is available and received a good review by Thomas MacEntee. Purchase before May 12th for a 40% discount. Go to www.familytreemagazine.com; then Shop > Getting Started > Ancestry Guides. Available in print and digital - cost is \$16.19; regular cost is \$26.99. Linda joined the Virtual Genealogical Society. They are offering half-price membership (\$10) through May 12th. www.virtualgensoc.com. She distributed a flyer listing benefits to the Board.
- e. Fundraising – We have received 25 pledges thus far for our Birdies for Charity Campaign. \$400.00 in checks and \$.12 in pledges.
- f. FGS/ISGS Delegate –Registration is open for the 2018 Conference in Fort Wayne on August 22-25. The April FGS webinar is "1890 Census Replacement Project". The May webinar on Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 pm is "10 Hot Tips to Create Publications Every Member Wants to Read". To register, go to www.fgs.org- on the main page (no need to sign in), click on Voice Blog. Scroll down in the blog and you will see a registration link. Registration for the 2018 Fall ISGS Conference in Springfield on October 26-27 is open. Register at www.ilgensoc.org.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Ongoing.
- k. Publications – No report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has set July 1 as the deadline for submissions to the summer newsletter.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported that the Spring Quarterly was mailed after overcoming numerous obstacles.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner - Linda Polich reported that she visited Mulkey's as a possible caterer for our annual dinner and will be receiving information.

A donation of \$20.00 was received from All Saints Episcopal Church, Moline in recognition of a presentation made by Linda Polich.

Projects – No report

Society Goals – Linda Polich will be giving a presentation at Rosewood Care Center on May 17 as part of our Community Outreach. Linda Polich and Betty Hagberg will prepare a summary of activities to be reported at a future General Meeting.

New Business:

Discussion was held on a possible change to the bylaws to adjust the number required for a quorum for Board votes. The Bylaws Article 7, section 4a states that electronic voting is allowed and the consensus was to use the electronic voting mechanism if needed.

Judi McDowell announced that she has filed Form 990-N (e-Postcard) required annually for RICIGS to continue tax-exempt status.

Judi McDowell suggested investigating having Thomas MacEntee give a webinar as a future Society meeting. The cost is \$100.00. If a joint meeting was held with SCIGS the cost could be shared.

Announcements

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Library. The program will be "Asylums, Sanitariums & Hospitals: Early Healthcare Institutions of Rock Island County" by Mary Ann Wherry. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
May 22, 2018

Vice President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library with 22 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Dr. Mary Ann Wherry presented the program “Asylums, Sanitariums and Hospitals: Early Healthcare Institutions of Rock Island County.”

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an April 30, 2018 ending checking balance of \$3,891.13. Total interest earned for the month was \$34.54. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,953.94 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,239.80. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren plan to photograph memorial stones at St. Mary’s Cemetery after Memorial Day. Plans are to upload them to Find a Grave.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [website](#) is up to date.

Conference – Judi McDowell announced that 200 registered for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference which was held Saturday April 28, 2018. More information on the success of the Conference will be available when the committee holds their follow-up meeting.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer announcing upcoming educational opportunities for June. The next Lunch and Learn will be on June 15 and will focus on “Solving Brickwalls”. Complete information on upcoming educational opportunities is available on the [website](#).

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that 30 pledges have been received for the 2018 Birdies for Charity campaign. There is still time to send in your pledge.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – Linda Polich reported that registration is now open for the Fall [ISGS Conference](#) October 26-27 in Springfield.

Historian – Linda Walker has been taking photos of Society events for our scrapbook.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie has picked up funeral cards from Wheelan-Pressley Funeral Home.

Librarian – Shay Elliott reported that a book on Connecticut Revolutionary War Records has been purchased for the Library.

Membership – No report.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported that indexing of obituaries is ongoing.

Publication Sales - Julie Vogel reported that one cemetery publication was downloaded from the website.

Quarterly/Mailing – The Spring Quarterly was mailed to members. Julie Vogel is accepting content for the Summer Newsletter through July 1.

Queries – None.

Old Business

Caterers are being considered for the Annual Dinner to be held November 4 at the Butterworth Education Center.

New Business

None.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Members will meet at the Antoine LeClaire Home, 630 E. 7th Street, Davenport, Iowa for a tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
May 22, 2018

Vice President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library with 22 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Dr. Maryan Wherry presented the program “Asylums, Sanitariums and Hospitals: Early Healthcare Institutions of Rock Island County.”

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an April 30, 2018 ending checking balance of \$3,891.13. Total interest earned for the month was \$34.54. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,953.94 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,239.80. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren plan to photograph memorial stones at St. Mary’s Cemetery after Memorial Day. Plans are to upload them to Find a Grave.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [website](#) is up to date.

Conference – Judi McDowell announced that 200 registered for the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference which was held Saturday April 28, 2018. More information on the success of the Conference will be available when the committee holds their follow-up meeting.

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Quarterly/Mailing – The Spring Quarterly was mailed to members. Julie Vogel is accepting content for the Summer Newsletter through July 1.

Queries – None.

Old Business

Caterers are being considered for the Annual Dinner to be held November 4 at the Butterworth Education Center.

New Business

None.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Members will meet at the Antoine LeClaire Home, 630 E. 7th Street, Davenport, Iowa for a tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2018

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

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting emailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted with the following two corrections: the donation received from All Saints Episcopal Church was \$25.00 and the next general meeting will be May 22, 2018.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,106.94 as May 31, 2018. Interest earned for the month was \$33.49. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, and Money Market) totaled \$11,107.09. Investment accounts (CD's) totaled \$25,272.95. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel received a request for a presentation from the Port Byron Public Library. Linda Polich will follow-up. Information was received on a Family History Fanatics electronic conference. Julie will post information on the website and Facebook.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren took 150-200 photos of grave markers at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, on June 2, 2018. The 80% that were not on Find-a-Grave were uploaded to the site.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the web site is up to date.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported that the Conference Committee is still considering various sites for the 2019 Conference. The profit for the 2018 Conference was \$441.96 which the committee will keep to defray future expenses.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the Education Committee met on June 5th to finalize plans for this year's classes. In addition to listing in the Dispatch Daily Planner and the QC Times, QCOonline event and Facebook Event will be explored. Julie Vogel indicated she was familiar with these electronic events. A follow-up event is being explored that would invite class participants to a "What Now?" session at RICHS in November. 2019 Class Dates have been confirmed: August 10, September 21, and October 19. The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for June 15 with 17 members registered. The Board agreed that the Lunch and Learn handouts could be included in the Members Only section of our website. L&L dates for 2019 are: February 1st, April 5th, June 21st, August 2nd, October 11th. Ideas for the future include: scheduling L&L monthly, considering webinars or other electronic offerings such as You Tube videos, small segments on different topics and a "Taste of Genealogy" teaser. A summer program for school age children is also a possibility.
- e. Fundraising – We have received 30 pledges for our Birdies for Charity Campaign.
- f. FGS/ISGS Delegate –The FGS May webinar was cancelled. The June webinar is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st and 7 p.m.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported work is ongoing.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – Two books have been purchased for the Library.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No report
- k. Publications – No activity.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has set July 1 as the deadline for submissions to the summer newsletter.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – A request was received for information on an 1875 Rock Island County marriage record for Bud Parker.
- o. Registrar – No report.

Old Business:

Linda Polich reported she gave a program “Celebrate Life Stories” at Rosewood Care Center on May 17.

Deb VanSant will contact Janet Pease in connection with her request to work on typing Newspaper Abstracts.

Annual Dinner – Linda Polich and Linda Walker presented the idea of using The Illinois Bicentennial as a theme for the Dinner. Maryan Wherry was suggested as a speaker. Deb VanSant will follow-up.

Projects – No report

Society Goals – Discussion was held on how to update the membership on the Board Planning process and Society Goals. Deb VanSant suggested publishing information in the newsletter and on the web site. Linda Polich will prepare.

New Business:

Discussion was held on new requirements for privacy notices for electronic communications. Julie Vogel will look into this to see what others may be doing.

Judi McDowell presented the status of the 2018 budget for Board review.

Announcements

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members will meet at the Antoine LeClaire house for a tour. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
June 26, 2018

Members met at 6:30 p.m. at the Antoine LeClaire Home, 630 E. 7th Street, Davenport, Iowa for a tour.

There was no business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$ 3,062.60 as of June 30, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$34.63 and total cash assets as of June 30, 2018 were \$36,433.33. The report was filed for review. She also distributed copies of the budget year-to-date for review.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported she had a request from Find-A-Grave for 95 photos at St. Mary Cemetery. She and Kathy Holmgren were able to locate all but 11 of the graves. Judi also took 21 other photos and uploaded them to the site. She also had a request for photos at the Carbon Cliff cemetery but couldn't locate any.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel distributed copies of a privacy policy she prepared for the Society website. After discussion it was moved by Linda Polich to include the policy on the website. Seconded by Kathy Holmgren. Motion carried. Information on Society goals, the Quarterly and the calendar are updated regularly.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported the 2019 Conference would be held the 4th Saturday of April, 2019 and would be held at Stony Creek.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported a successful Lunch and Learn was held on June 15th with 17 in attendance. The Lunch & Learn handouts are also available on the website. A “Now What” follow-up session is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th at the RICHS library for this year's class attendees. The \$5.00 research fee will be waived that day for class attendees. Lorraine and Linda Polich will teach a one-hour class at the Port Byron Library on September 4th. Linda also reported American Ancestors is granting free access to all online databases from July 10th to 17th. The German American Society is presenting a workshop on Researching Your German Ancestors at the German American Heritage Center on September 30th.
- e. FGS Delegate – No report
- f. Fundraising: Four free admission tickets to the John Deere Classic are available if anyone is interested.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported she is continuing to work on this project.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported two new books have been added to the library. They are “Professional Genealogy – Preparation, Practice & Standards” and “The Top 300 Surnames of Derry-Londonderry”.
- j. Obituaries – Linda Walker continues to work on this project.
- k. Publications – No Report
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie reported the electronic Newsletter has been sent out. Discussion on printing and mailing copies of the newsletter for those without e-mail was discussed. It was agreed we would continue the practice at this time.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported the mailing list was updated after the Spring Quarterly was sent out.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – No report

Old Business:

Visit to Antoine LeClaire House:

Deb Van Sant announced that 20 people enjoyed the visit to the LeClaire House on June 26th and enjoyed a very informative program.

Projects:

Janet Pease requested we mail her copies of her previous abstracts from local newspapers so that she can transcribe them. Deb recently sent her the Argus records from January to December 1880.

Society Goals:

We are continuing to move forward on the top 3 goals established by the Society.

New Business:

Dr. Mary Ann Whery will present a program on how the Illinois Centennial was celebrated in 1918 at the Annual Dinner November 4th.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Chris Thompson from the Family History Center will present the program. Deb will be on vacation and Vice President Shay Elliott will conduct the meeting. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018

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The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Chris Thompson from the Family History Center will present the program. Deb will be on vacation and Vice President Shay Elliott will conduct the meeting. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
July 24, 2018

Vice President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Education Center with 32 in attendance including 3 speakers and 3 guests.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Chris Thompson from the Davenport Family History Center presented the program “What’s New at FamilySearch.org.”

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members. There was no business meeting in June since the group met at the Antoine LeClaire Home for a tour.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a June 30, 2018 ending checking balance of \$3,062.60. Total interest earned for the month was \$34.63. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,126.08 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,307.25. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren received a request for photos of memorial stones at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Photos were taken and 21 were uploaded to Find-A-Grave.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the [website](#) is up to date. Additional information on upcoming [educational opportunities](#) has been added. The handouts from our popular “[Lunch and Learn](#)” sessions have been added to the Members Only site.

Conference – The 2019 Quad Cities Genealogical Conference will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Moline. Featured speaker will be Beth Foulk.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer announcing upcoming educational opportunities for August. Check the [website](#) for current educational information. The next Lunch and Learn will be on August 17, 11:30-1:00 at the Butterworth Education Center and will focus on “Military Research”. Upcoming Skillbuilding Workshops are scheduled for August 25, September 22, and October 20. [Registration flyers](#) were available at the meeting and are also on the website. Attendance is free to members but you must register.

Fundraising – No report.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – The FGS Conference will be held August 22-25 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Historian – No Report.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported work is ongoing. Funeral cards are [indexed](#) and filed in the Library.

Librarian – No report.

Membership – No report.

Obituaries – No report.

Publication Sales - Julie Vogel reported that a Quarterly was purchased and downloaded from the website.

Quarterly/Mailing – No report.

Queries – None.

Old Business

Dr. Maryan Whery will present the program on how the Illinois Centennial was celebrated in 1918 at our Annual Dinner scheduled for November 4th at the Butterworth Education Center.

New Business

None.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “Women in History” by Angie Snook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected and e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$ 2,979.77 as of July 30, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$33.57 and total cash assets as of July 30, 2018 were \$36,384.07. The report was filed for review.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported that she provided a photo to Find A Grave from Bethel Churchyard Sherrard and visited several pioneer cemeteries.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the web site is up to date. Correspondence was received from the Chicago Genealogical Society saying they would no longer send paper copies of their newsletter as part of our exchange relationship with them.
- c. Conference – Nothing new.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that 13 have signed up for August 17th Lunch and Learn on Military Research. Fifteen have signed up for first workshop on August 25th (4 nonmembers). The Education Committee has agreed to hold Lunch and Learn sessions monthly from January to October in 2019. Confirmed dates and topics follow:

January 04 – Topic: Northeast State Research - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania

February 01 – Topic: Using Microsoft OneNote and Evernote for Genealogy

March 01 – Topic: Southern State Research - Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas

April 05 – **(Butterworth Center Main Dining Room)** Topic: German Research

May 03 – Topic: Midwest State Research - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

June 21 – Topic: Swedish Research

July 12 – Topic: Western State Research - Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington

August 2 – Topic: Migration Patterns of our Ancestors

September 06 – Topic: DNA and Your Genealogy – Part 1

October 11 – Topic: DNA and Your Genealogy – Part 2

- e. FGS: The new FGS Forum - summer issue available at this link [https://mailchi.mp/f19fe34f6574/summer-2017-issue-of-forum-1089713?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/f19fe34f6574/summer-2017-issue-of-forum-1089713?e=[UNIQID])
- f. Fundraising: Birdies invoices have been mailed by John Deere Classic. Checks are usually distributed in October and will be presented at our Annual Dinner.

- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Historian – Ongoing.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported she is waiting for the new DAR Pennsylvania Source Guide to be available in print.
- j. Obituaries – Linda Walker continues to work on this project.
- k. Publications – One Cemetery publication was downloaded from the website.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has set October 1 as the deadline for content for the Fall Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant provided a requested marriage certificate from Rock Island County.
- o. Registrar – No report

Old Business:

The Annual Dinner Committee will meet to finalize arrangements.

Society Goals:

Linda Polich reported that she and Lorraine Hathaway will present a program at the Port Byron Library as part of our Society outreach.

New Business:

Shay and Kathy Elliott will head the Nominating Committee. An additional member from the general membership will be sought. Offices needing to be filled for 2019 are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Member at Large.

It was moved by Linda Walker and seconded by Kathy Elliott to waive indefinitely the two year limitation on the position of Corresponding Secretary. The motion carried.

The Quad Cities Genealogical Conference may need additional funds to attract top rate speakers. Linda Polich moved and Kathy Elliott seconded a motion to donate \$500 to the Conference assuming SCIGS did the same. The motion passed.

Discussion was held on the need to require speakers at the General Meeting to use the microphone.

The program for the September meeting has been changed. Terry Mahon will present the “Life and Times of Rev. C.A.Mennicke, Pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.”

Deb VanSant will confirm the speaker for the October meeting, Judy Bingham of Black Hawk Bank on Estate Planning. A meeting where members share ideas and stories would be a possible alternative.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
August 28, 2018

President Deb VanSant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 26 in attendance including 3 guests.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Angie Snook gave the program on "Women in History"

Business Meeting

Minutes – Minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a July 30, 2018 ending checking balance of \$2,979.77. Total interest earned for the month was \$33.57. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,043.59 and Investment Accounts (CD's) are at \$25,340.48. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell visited three cemeteries in Edgington Township. She continues to fulfill photo requests from Find a Grave. She has a goal to visit all Rock Island County Cemeteries.

Computer Interest – No report.

Conference – The 2019 Quad Cities Genealogical Conference will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Moline. Featured speaker will be Beth Foulk.

Education – Linda Polich provided a flyer announcing upcoming educational opportunities for September. Check the [website](#) for current educational information. The next Lunch and Learn will be on October 19, 11:30-1:00 at the Butterworth Education Center and will focus on "Researching in the British Isles". The first Skillbuilding Workshop held August 25th went well. Upcoming Skillbuilding Workshops are scheduled for September 22, and October 20.

Fundraising – No report.

FGS Delegate/ISGS – The FGS Conference was held August 22-25 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Historian – No report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – No report.

Membership – No report.

Obituaries – No report.

Publication Sales – No report.

Quarterly – No report

Quarterly/Mailing – No report.

Queries – None.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Nominating Committee is being formed to nominate a slate of officers for 2019. One member from the General Membership is need to join Kathy and Shay Elliott on the Committee. Bonnie Ague volunteered. Please give consideration if you are asked to serve in an officer position.

President VanSant announced that the Board voted to donate \$500 to the Quad Cities Genealogical Conference with the requirement that SCIGS would make an equal contribution.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "The Life and Times of Rev. C.A. Mennicke, Pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island" by Terry Mahon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$ 3,237.33 as of August 31, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$34.74 and total cash assets as of August 31, 2018 were \$36,676.37. The report was filed for review.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reviewed the cemetery walk book for Zion Lutheran Cemetery and added information on 150 graves to Find a Grave. She plans to visit the cemetery to photograph stones. Her long range goal is to review all of the cemetery books and add information to Find a Grave as needed. Kathy Holmgren visited the RI Confederate Cemetery and Moline Memorial Gardens. Julie Vogel will send out an email to the membership seeking volunteers to assist with the cemetery project.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the web site is up to date.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported on a planning meeting of the Conference Committee. The topics that will be presented by speaker Beth Foulk are: Sourcing in the Digital World, Introduction to Public (Federal) Lands, Solving Genealogy Problems with Timelines, and Civil War Women & Their Organizations. Registration fees were finalized and the Committee is looking for someone to fill the Secretarial position due to the resignation of Liz Cassillas.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that Education Class 1 held on August 25 was a success. Part 2 is scheduled for September 22. Linda and Lorraine Hathaway presented a 90 minute program at the River Valley District Library in Port Byron on September 4th. The Library would like to schedule additional classes in 2019. Linda suggested approaching other smaller libraries in Rock Island County to offer programs, in support of two of our Society Goals: Education and Outreach.
- e. FGS: The new FGS userid and password are: ricigs and ricigs01. Board members have access to the members only area of the [FGS website](#).
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich will be picking up checks from the Birdies for Charity campaign on October 31 and will present them at our Annual Dinner.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Historian – Ongoing.
- i. Librarian – No report.
- j. Obituaries – Linda Walker continues to work on this project.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg reported a renewed effort to document the Society's publications and work towards scanning and making additional publications available on our website.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has set October 1 as the deadline for content for the Fall Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – A request for information was received on where to obtain an 1894 Naturalization Record for Rock Island County. Linda Walker reported that they are available at the [Illinois Regional Archives Depository](#) at Western Illinois University.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 126 members: 2 charter, 17 family, 95 single, 11 life, and 1 credit.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner:

Linda Polich announced that Hy-Vee will cater our Annual Dinner. A two-entrée buffet will include Fried Chicken, Oven Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Steamed vegetable medley, 7 layer salad and Apple Crisp. The cost will be \$15.00 and final count will be needed by October 28.

Society Goals:

Progress is ongoing on several goals.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee composed of Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott and Bonnie Ague presented the following slate for 2019 Officers:

- President – Shay Elliott
- Vice President – Jay Matlock
- Treasurer – Judi McDowell
- Recording Secretary – Kathy Elliott
- Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel
- Member at Large 2019 – Becky Dexter
- Member at Large 2020 – Kathy Holmgren
- Member at Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh

Discussion was held confirming the need for all speakers at General Meetings to use the microphone. Shay Elliott asked Julie Vogel to investigate obtaining an additional clip on microphone.

New Business:

Shay Elliott plans to work with a Blue Grass Boy Scout troop on offering a Genealogy Merit Badge. Julie Vogel moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to authorize \$25.00 to purchase materials for the Badge. The motion passed. Shay asked Linda Polich to participate in one of the Scout meetings as a Genealogy resource person.

Linda Polich suggested having a cake to honor the Illinois Bicentennial at a meeting. It was proposed to do this at the Annual Dinner.

Judi McDowell announced that the Computer Society is disbanding and has a projector available. It was determined that RICIGS does not have a need for an additional projector.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Terry Mahon on the “Life and Times of Rev. C.A.Mennicke, Pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.” The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
September 25, 2018

President Deb VanSant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 23 in attendance including the speaker and 4 guests.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Terry Mahon presented the program “The Life and Times of Rev. C.A. Mennicke, Pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island”.

Business Meeting

Minutes –Minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a August 31, 2018 ending checking balance of \$3,237.33. Total interest earned for the month was \$34.74. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,301.49 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,374.88. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reviewed the RICIGS cemetery book on Zion Lutheran Cemetery and added 150 names to Find A Grave. She will coordinate a project using volunteers from the membership to review additional cemetery books and add missing information to Find A Grave.

Computer Interest – The [web site](#) is up to date.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported that the topics that will be presented by speaker Beth Foulk are: Sourcing in the Digital World, Introduction to Public (Federal) Lands, Solving Genealogy Problems with Timelines, and Civil War Women & Their Organizations. The Conference Committee is looking for someone to fill their Secretarial position.

Education – Linda Polich provided flyers announcing upcoming educational opportunities for October and the 2019 schedule for Lunch and Learn. Check the [website](#) for current educational information. The next Lunch and Learn will be on October 19, 11:30-1:00 at the Butterworth Education Center and will focus on “Researching in the British Isles”. The third Skillbuilding Workshop will be held October 20 on Writing and Publishing Your Family History.

Fundraising – The check from this year’s Birdies for Charity fundraiser will be picked up on 31 October and presented at our Annual Dinner on November 4.

FGS Delegate – The FGS Conference for 2019 will be held in Washington, DC and in 2020 will be in Kansas City, Missouri.

Historian – No report.

Funeral Cards – No report.

Librarian – Deb VanSant has been trying to obtain the DAR Pennsylvania Source Guide which was recently published but is already out of print.

Membership – No report.

Obituaries – No report.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced an October 1 deadline for content for the Fall Quarterly

Quarterly/Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported that labels have been produced for the Annual Dinner and Dues mailing.

Queries – Deb VanSant reported receiving a research request on the Reedy family.

Old Business

The Nominating Committee composed of Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott and Bonnie Ague presented the following slate for 2019 Officers:

President – Shay Elliott

Vice President – Jay Matlock

Treasurer – Judi McDowell

Recording Secretary – Kathy Elliott

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member at Large 2019 – Becky Dexter

Member at Large 2020 – Kathy Holmgren

Member at Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh

There were no additional nominations from the floor and the slate will be voted on at the October General Meeting.

New Business

None

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11 at Butterworth Center in the Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Judy Bingham on “Insuring your genealogy & heirlooms will go where you want them to”.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the September 13, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,160.86 as of September 30, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$34.76 and total cash assets as of August 31, 2018 were \$36,634.66. The report was filed for review. Our 24 month CD will expire in October. After discussion it was decided to renew for 24 months at 2.25% interest rate maturing in October 2020.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported on the project to add information from our RICO cemetery books to Find-A-Grave. Fifteen members responded to an email asking for volunteers to help with project. Judi met with 2 members today to coordinate assignments. Caroline Neumann will do Beulah Cemetery and Debbie DePaepe will do Rock River View Cemetery. Judi will set up another meeting soon with the other volunteers to provide a cemetery assignment to them. Judi received photos of stones at Chapel Grove Cemetery that were taken by Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker in 2013. Judi will work on getting those photos out on Find-A-Grave.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the web site is up to date. An expense of \$50.00 to fix a problem with the website was approved.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that Education Class 2 was a success. Part 3 focusing on Writing and Publishing Your Family History is scheduled for October 20. The final Lunch and Learn for the year will be held on October 19 with the topic of Research in the British Isles.
- e. FGS - The Fall 2018 issue of Forum is available on the [FGS website](#). Archives of the Forum are now available back to 1989. The FGS userid and password are: ricigs and ricigs01. Board members have access to the member's only area of the site. FGS is offering 10 free subscriptions of the Forum to member Societies. They can be used as door prizes or as the Society chooses. Linda will request these.
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich will be picking up checks from the Birdies for Charity campaign on October 31 and will present them at our Annual Dinner.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie has indexed funeral cards and will be providing updated information for the website. Deb VanSant and Kathy Holmgren offered to help file the cards in the Library.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported purchasing a 4 volume set of History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts by Oliver Ayer Roberts.
- j. Obituaries – No report.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the sale of one volume of the Riverside Cemetery book.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported that the Fall Quarterly has been printed and is scheduled to be mailed next week.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant reported a request from Lori West of Aliso, CA for information on William Palmer and his wife Jane Gill Palmer. She provided 1837 land deeds when he transferred property to two of his sons.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix is receiving 2019 membership renewals. A new member who had just joined in July has renewed for 2019 and will be given the choice to extend through 2020 or get his check back.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner:

Deb VanSant will handle the installation of officers and find a member to give the invocation.

Julie Vogel reported receiving the additional battery pack for use with our sound system and will obtain a microphone to use with it.

New Business:

A \$15 donation will be made to the Angel Project in support of the Illinois State Archives and IRAD as part of our membership renewal to the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Judy Bingham on “Insuring your genealogy & heirlooms will go where you want them to”. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
October 23, 2018

President Deb VanSant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Judy Bingman, a Vice President & Trust Officer from Blackhawk Bank & Trust presented the program “Insuring Your Genealogy & Heirlooms Will Go Where You Want Them To”.

Business Meeting:

Minutes –Minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$3,160.86 as of September 30, 2018. Total interest earned for the month was \$34.76. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,225.35 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,409.31. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported she now has 7 volunteers working to be sure all previously transcribed RICIGS cemetery book information has been uploaded to Find-A-Grave. She can still use more help with this project. The work can be done by a member from home.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date at this time. Information from the Lunch & Learn handouts is on the webpage for review.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported that speaker topics have been selected and Kathy Elliott reported the registration fee for non-members has been increased for the 2019 Conference.

Education – Linda Polich reported the final Genealogy Class and the Final Lunch & Learn for 2018 were held in October.

FGS – Nothing new to report at this time.

Fundraising – Linda announced the checks from Birdies for Charity will be picked up on October 31, 2018 and will be presented at the Annual Dinner on November 4, 2018.

Historian – No Report.

Funeral Cards – No Report.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently purchased the 4 volume set of “History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts” by Oliver Ayer Roberts.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported she is working on this project.

Publication Sales – No Report

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the winter electronic newsletter will be sent out in January.

Quarterly Mailing – The fall Quarterly was mailed out.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reminded everyone that dues are now payable.

Old Business – Deb reminded everyone that it is not too late to make reservations for the annual dinner. Dr. Maryan Wherry will present the program “Celebrating the Centennial 100 Years On”.

New Business – Election of Officers. The following members have been nominated to serve as officers for 2019:

President – Shay Elliott

Vice President – Jay Matlock

Treasurer – Judi McDowell

Recording Secretary – Kathy Elliott

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member at Large 2019 – Becky Dexter

Member at Large 2020 – Kathy Holmgren

Member at Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh

Deb VanSant called for a voice vote and the slate was unanimously elected. They will be installed at the Annual Dinner.

Shay Elliott reported that he is working with Boy Scout Troop 26 in Blue Grass on the Genealogy Merit Badge and thanked Julie Vogel for speaking to the Troop about Genealogical and Lineage societies, Professional Genealogists, and Genealogical Education Facilities and Repositories.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The meeting program will be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018

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

The secretary's minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,316.37 as of October 31, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$33.72 and total cash assets as of August 31, 2018 were \$36,823.89. The report was filed for review. Expenses for the Annual Dinner were reviewed as well as the status of the 2018 budget.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported that 12 volunteers are working on the project to add information from our RICO cemetery books to Find-A-Grave. Volunteers include: Ron Barman, Rosalie Barman, Dorothy Darland, Debbie Depaepe, Becky Dexter, Kim Doyle, Bill Humphrey, Judi McDowell, Jay Matlock, Caroline Newmann, Ann Price, Lisa Velez.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the web site is up to date. She will be updating the officers for 2019. Discussion was held on the possibility of adding a section of photographs to the web site. Julie will proceed to set this up. She is continuing to obtain the correct battery pack to work with our sound system.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the final Workshop and the final Lunch and Learn were successful. There will be a follow-up session for those who attended this year's Workshops on Saturday, November 10 at RICHS.
- e. FGS – Linda Polich requested the 10 free Forum subscriptions being offered by FGS, but has not heard back from them.
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich presented proceeds from the Birdies for Charity event at our Annual Dinner. We received 36 pledges totaling \$1,072.60 plus a bonus of \$87.95 for a total of \$1,160.55.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie has filed the cards in the Library and will need to purchase an additional file to accommodate our growing collection.
- h. Historian – Deb VanSant gave Linda Walker a certificate from the Illinois State Genealogical Society to file in our scrapbook.
- i. Librarian – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituaries – The 2017 Obituaries are ready to be formatted for printing. Betty Hagberg will contact Liz Casillas on the status of Obituary publications/projects.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the sale of 3 cemetery books from the website.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported she will be working on the Winter newsletter with a deadline of January 7 for content.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Julie Vogel responded to a request received through the website.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix has received 49 membership renewals to date.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner:

Discussion was held on the Annual dinner. Although attendance was somewhat lower, the general consensus was positive for the switch to a daytime event.

Society Goals:

Linda Polich and Betty Hagberg will meet Tuesday, November 13 to review status of our Long Range Planning.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will “What’s in the Box? The History in Your Closet.” by Michael Craft, Seymour-Memreez. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Deb VanSant at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Linda Walker, Jan McKenzie, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Becky Dexter, Sally Bartosh and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$4,125.52 as of November 30, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$41.00 and total cash assets as of November 30, 2018 were \$37,674.04. The report was filed for review. Linda Walker moved and Kathy Holmgren seconded a motion to donate \$100.00 to Butterworth Center. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported that several volunteers have completed their part in adding missing cemetery information to Find a Grave. The project is going well.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that she has obtained the correct battery pack and lavalier for our speaker system. She has updated the website with information for the New Year, including calendar and officers. The Board agreed that Julie should release to the public the Ancestral Photo section she has developed for the website. Additional guidelines on how members can contribute to the site will be developed. Julie presented information from Google Analytics showing usage of our website.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell announced that Beth Hoffman is working on the Conference brochure.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the Education Committee held a follow-up session for Class attendees at RICHS. The first Lunch and Learn for 2019 will be held on Friday, January 4 at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be “Research in New England States”. At the request of the Port Byron Library, Linda and Lorraine Hathaway will present a class on “Using Ancestry.com and Family Search.org” on Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m.
- e. FGS – Linda Polich announced a new member benefit, Vivid-Pix Restore software. A discount can be offered to our membership. A copy of the software will also be donated to the Society. Board members have access to the [FGS site](#), including the FORUM magazine. ID: ricigs; Password: ricigs01
- f. Fundraising: President Deb VanSant asked for ideas on how the Society should use the funds received from the Birdies for Charity. Discussion was held.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie has produced an updated index of Funeral Cards for publication on our website.
- h. Historian – Linda Walker is adding photos of our Annual Dinner to our scrapbook.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant has added the following publications to the Library: Autobiography of Black Hawk, West Virginia Estate Settlements: an Index to Wills, Inventories, Appraisements to 1850, Earliest Tennessee Land Records and Earliest Tennessee Land History by Irene Griffey and a subscription to Internet Genealogy. Discussion was held on highlighting publications held by the Library, such as subscriptions, on the website.
- j. Obituaries – The 2017 Obituaries have been added to the website. Betty Hagberg reported on a conversation with Liz Casillas. Obituary Books for 1960-1964 have been produced and delivered to Libraries. Obituaries for 1965-1969 are in DropBox. Julie Vogel will format into 4 segments and Liz will edit and prepare for printing and binding. Liz believes Obituaries for 2000-2004 by Dwight Mohlenbruck belong to RICHS. Index for 1940's worked on by Orrin Rockhold and Dwight Mohlenbruck had many mistakes. Linda Walker believes the 1940's index is available on a computer at RICHS. Obituaries for the 1950's are a possible project for the Society.
- k. Publications – No report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported a deadline of January 7 for input to the Winter Newsletter.

- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – None.
- o. Registrar – No report.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner:

Discussion was held on the Annual dinner. Possibilities were discussed for a location for next year's dinner. Input from members will be sought on whether an evening or noon event is preferred.

Society Goals:

Linda Polich and Betty Hagberg met to review the status of our Society goals and produced a summary of accomplishments. Committee Chairs and Goal Champions will be asked to share their goals for 2019 at the January Board meeting.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg announced that a number of volumes of the Pease Genealogical Abstracts of RI County Newspapers have been digitized and are available for posting on our website. Discussion was held on whether to make them available in the Member Only area or on the Public site, and whether or not to offer them in the Store. Betty will get input from Lorraine Hathaway on her understanding of our agreement with Janet Pease before a final decision is made.

Judi McDowell asked for input for the 2019 budget. Several suggestions were made and Judi will present a proposed budget at the January meeting.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "What's in the Box? The History in Your Closet." by Michael Craft of, Seymour-Memreez Home Movies to DVD. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Board Meetings 2018

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 – meeting held at Butterworth Center

December – meeting held at Butterworth Center

General Meetings 2018

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 - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

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