

## Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

### Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Scarlett Imhoff, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting were approved with the suggestion that Birdies for Charity pledge forms be included with the Conference handout information if approved by the Conference committee.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,225.29 as of December 31, 2019. Interest on all accounts was \$52.39 and total cash assets were \$37,357.16. A review of year-end income and expenses was also given. Shay asked Judi to prepare a summary of the Societies financials that he could present at the January general meeting. A preliminary budget was discussed. Motion by Julie Vogel to add a line item for Marketing in the amount of \$300.00 to the budget. Seconded by Linda Polich. Carried. The Board will give final approval to the budget at the February meeting. An inventory of the Safety Deposit Box will also be done. Shay will check the President's Box for the original of the Janet Pease release form and it will go into the Safety Deposit Box.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel reported thank you notes were received from the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation and the William Butterworth Foundation for recent donations from the Society. Allen County Public Library will continue as a member of the Society in 2020 but will probably not renew next year since we no longer publish a quarterly.

President's Report: President Shay Elliott asked if the Rock Island Post Office had been notified to remove Linda Walker's name from our contact information with them. Judi said she attempted to take care of this with payment of the box rent for 2020.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – No Report

Computer Interest – Julie reported everything is up to date on the website and there were 349 users on the website last month. More newspaper abstracts are now available and may be added to the online shop as items offered for sale. Obituary index information is now listed as a blog.

Conference – Brochures were stuffed and labeled last night and will be mailed out tomorrow.

Education – Linda Polich reported the January Lunch & Learn was very successful with 23 in attendance. The next one will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and the topic is Cemetery Research. A new "Let's Explore Learning Series" has been added to the website. Judi McDowell wrote up an article on using Find-A-Grave and it is now available. Other Board members are encouraged to write articles and submit them to Linda Polich. Our classes will be reformatted for 2020. A free class entitled "Climbing Your Family Tree – Take the First Step" will be offered to non-members on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our regular classes will be broken down into four, 2-hour interactive workshops on April 4<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be called "Next Step Workshops" and will be less lecture and more interactive, hands-on examples to work with.

FGS - At the direction of the Board, Linda followed up on the request received about the fee increase by the US Citizenship Immigration Service. She also passed along info to Julie about information being posted on the ZILADOC.COM website from other Society websites without permission. The first national conference after the merger of FGS and NGS will be held May 19-22, 2021 in Richmond, VA.

Fundraising – No report

Funeral Cards – No report

Goals – Continuing to add articles to our Let's Explore Learning Series will help accomplish one of our Society Goals of providing topic-specific education. Also, offering the "Take the First Step" class will help accomplish our Community Outreach goal and will also help increase our membership.

Historian – No report

Librarian – No report

Obituaries – No report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported plans to add two volumes of Pease newspaper indexes to the website per month.

Mailing – No report

Queries – No report

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 11 renewals received tonight. Reminders will be sent in February.

Vice President – Jay Matlock distributed a list of programs scheduled for 2020. Both the Illinois State Society and SCIGS will post our meetings on their websites. He is investigating the possibility of recording the programs for use later and will investigate copywrite issues. The February meeting will be a time for members to share stories about a famous or infamous relative.

**Old Business:** - The designer is finalizing the various formats we might need in order to have the new logo print ready. We should have it soon.

**New Business:** - No report

**Announcements:** - The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Shar Blevins titled "Road Trip: how to prepare and what to do when you get there". The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2020

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Education Center with 23 members present.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program – Schar Blevins presented the program “Road Trip: How to Prepare and What to Do When You Get There”.

Business Meeting:

The secretary’s minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,225.29 as of December 31, 2019. Interest on all accounts was \$52.39 and total cash assets were \$37,357.16. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing new to report.

President’s Report: Shay Elliott said he had been asked for a financial summary for the year 2019 and reported at the end of 2019 the total assets of the society were \$37,357.60, a decrease of \$57.07 for the year. He also showed a copy of a new logo for the Society which is capable of being produced on all forms of print and online materials.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No Report

Computer Interest – Julie reported everything is up to date on the website. More Janet Pease newspaper abstracts are now available and will be added to the online shop as items offered for sale.

Conference – Brochures have been mailed out and 40 registrations have already been received.

Education – Linda Polich reported the January Lunch & Learn was very successful with 23 in attendance. The next one will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and the topic is Cemetery Research. If you have a suggestion for a future topic please let the committee know. A new “Let’s Explore Learning Series” has been added to the website. Judi McDowell wrote up an article on using Find-A-Grave and it is now available. A free class entitled “Climbing Your Family Tree – Take the First Step” will be offered to non-members on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our regular classes will be broken down into four, 2-hour interactive workshops on April 4<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be called “Next Step Workshops” and will be less lecture and more interactive, hands-on examples to work with.

FGS - No report

Fundraising – No report

Funeral Cards – No report

Historian – No report

Librarian – No report

Obituaries – No report

Publications – No report

Mailing – No report

Queries – No report

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 1 renewal payment received tonight.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reminded members that the February meeting program will be a time for members to share stories about a famous or infamous relative.

**Old Business:** - No report

**New Business:** - No report

**Announcements:** - The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Society members and is titled "Tell Us About Your Famous and/or Infamous Ancestors and How You Learned About Them".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2020

The Board meeting was cancelled due to weather. Vice President Jay Matlock asked Board members to send reports by email.

The secretary's minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting were previously sent by email.

*Treasurer:* Judi McDowell, by email, reported a checkbook balance of \$3,397.61 as of January 31, 2020. Interest earned on all accounts was \$54.21 and total cash assets were \$37,583.69. The report will be filed for review. The 990-n E-postcard required to maintain our non-profit status was filed on January 27. It is pending and Judi will keep checking to see when it is accepted. Judi gave the financial records for 2019 to Linda Walker to perform the annual audit. The revised budget can be reviewed and accepted at the March meeting.

*Corresponding Secretary:* Julie Vogel signed us up for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to receive a small percent of sales from those that designate RICIGS as their charitable organization and announced the program on the blog and Facebook. A Hy-Vee gift card was sent to Schar Blevins. Julie created a RICIGS Programs bookmark that was given to members at the January general meeting and sent a membership list via email to board members.

*President's Report:* No report.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the Website had 578 users in the month of January. Online registration was created for March 11 and April 4 First Step Workshops and word was spread via the blog and Facebook. The following were added to the website: Annual Conference brochure, Pease Volumes 14 & 15 newspaper abstracts, Pease Volumes 1-5, 12, 14, 15 to the RICIGS online Shop, Local Funeral Homes as a line listing under General Resources on the Rock Island County Genealogy Resources page on our website and linked it to the [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com) listing of funeral homes
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported 78 registrations have been received so far. She will get updates every Friday.
- d. Education –Linda Polich reported that the February Lunch and Learn was very successful; 23 attended, including two new members (Shirley Wiklund and Dave Feurer). Next L&L will be March 6th - Topic: Courthouse Research. The First Step class has 1 sign up so far (need 10)
- e. FGS – No report.
- f. Fundraising – No report.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Goals – No report.
- i. Historian – No report.
- j. Librarian – No report.
- k. Obituaries No report.
- l. Publications – Betty Hagberg reported that Blog entries are being created for the Pease volumes when they are added to the website.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.

- o. Registrar – Five renewals were received by Vice President Jay Matlock.
- p. Vice President – Jay Matlock announced that SCIGS will split the cost of the Stoney Creek on Apr 28 event with Bruce Buzbee and asked for recommendations on who to ask in SCIGS to help coordinate. Next Board meeting Jay would like to discuss membership levels and determine numbers of new members, old members and those who have not renewed. Jay suggested meeting sometime at RICHS with some of the more experienced of our group helping newer members. Too late for this year? Perhaps this would attract new members. Or maybe with SCIGS at their place? Could charge a fee, I suppose if we wanted to.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Vice President Jay Matlock reported he has prices for refreshments for Apr 28 meeting. Several Board Members responded in favor of refreshments. Jay would like to offer \$15 Whitey's gift certificates for winners at the February General Meeting. Several members responded in agreement for offering the gift certificates. Jay plans to record our February meeting as an experiment and will investigate if it is possible to make available on our web site.

**Announcements:**

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be by Members presenting: "Tell Us about Your Famous or Infamous Ancestors" with Whitey's Gift Certificates to Winners. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Vogel, Corresponding Secretary at 6:36 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline. Present were Linda Polich, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Marilyn Mix, Julie Vogel, and Sally Bartosh.

The Secretary's minutes from the February Board Meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members.

Treasurer: Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,708.83 as of March 1, 2020. Interest earned on all accounts \$54.28 and total cash assets are \$36,949.19. The report as e-mailed to members was accepted and filed for Audit. Judi discussed our Budget. Presently we have concerns in two categories, Education and Marketing. After recent purchase of notepads and pens, and considering future expected expenses, we will exceed the \$800 presently budgeted. It was decided to revise the Budget and increase that amount to \$1250. Linda Polich said she expects less income this year for classes, but will still have expenses and asked to have the amount for education increased also. Judi said she will revise the Budget and bring it to the next Board meeting for a vote. Judi also reported that she has filed the annual IRS 990N report and it has been accepted. Judi presented a report from Linda Walker who did the annual audit of our 2019 records and found them to be complete and correct. She has filed more things in the Safety Deposit Box and added them to the box inventory.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel had an e-mail from Bruce Buzbee stating that he still planned to come for our April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, but if the Ohio Genealogy Conference, which will be held the same day as our Conference, got canceled due to the Coronavirus, he will cancel with us. Julie received an invitation from Rock Island County Employee Benefits to participate in their Wellness Fair for Employees, to be held at QC Expo Center on April 8, 10:30-2:30. We are asked to have members at a table to showcase genealogy as a leisure-time healthy recreation. It was discussed that we could have RICIGS brochures, a list of our library holdings, and bookmarks about our upcoming classes and programs as part of our display. Julie will forward the information to Shay.

President's Report: No report.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Cemeteries – Judi suggested she plans to create descriptions for where old cemeteries are located and when or how they started and Julie could add the information by the pictures on the website.
- b. Computer Interest – In January we had 578 hits, in February we had 517 hits on the website.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported she has 155 registrations. She had a message from Beth Hoffman asking for us to discuss options: Should we still plan to hold the Conference, cancel it due to the Coronavirus, or try to reschedule it at a later date. Beth planned to check flexibility with Stoney Creek and the main speaker, Joshua Taylor. Future dates considered could be August 1 or 22, September 5, or October 31. We discussed the dates and decided that the August dates may work better than the others. If we must change it, we will need to print a new flyer. Then Judi would need to contact everyone who has already registered to notify them of revised date, and ask if they still wanted to be registered for the new date or get a refund.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the March Lunch & Learn was very successful with 24 in attendance, including two new members. The next one will be April 3 to discuss Using Google for your Genealogy Research. There is interest in having a Research session at RICHS following a future L & L. The First Step Class was canceled with only one person signed up. We have 4 people signed up for the April 4<sup>th</sup> Lets Get Started Class, but need 10. There is a Webinar Marathon March 12-13 from familytreewebinars.com.
- e. FGS – Linda Polich reported we have received an e-mail from FGS concerning their merger with NGS. We can now join The Gathering Place blog until the merger is completed around October 1, 2020. If we are a member of both, our membership will be extended forward by number of months remaining of our FGS membership.

- f. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported she plans to go to the Birdies Kickoff on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Deere and Company to pick up pledge cards for our membership and the Conference bags.
- g. Funeral Cards – no report.
- h. Society Goals – One of our goals is to increase the usage of our library collection at RICHS. It has been suggested at L & L to have research sessions possibly after L & L, or at other scheduled times with RICIGS Board members available to assist. Linda Polich will see if something can be set up in the near future.
- i. Historian – No report.
- j. Librarian – No report.
- k. Obituaries – No report.
- l. Publications – Julie reported that she and Betty Hagberg had put two more volumes of newspaper abstracts out on website recently.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No reported
- n. Queries & Research – Julie responded to a recent query and was able to find what they requested.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported that she had sent out postcards and received a few renewals. We have 109 members plus 11 life members for total of 120. Julie passed out a list of 20 people who have not renewed and may soon be taken off our membership list and lose their computer access.
- p. Vice president – Jay had suggestions for food or beverages we could serve at Stoney Creek for April meeting with Bruce Buzbee. We considered to not to serve anything, but decided to table this until the next Board Meeting. Jay also had ideas for how to proceed with member stories of their ancestors that did not get told in February when the meeting was canceled. We suggested that he may still use that program if Bruce Buzbee was unable to come in April and we still had a meeting. We decided to table a discussion on possible genealogy help sessions for members until the meeting next month.

**Old Business:** Each board member was given a newly received notepad and pen with our new logo. We will distribute more of them to the general membership at the next meeting.

**New Business:** We have been asked to develop a policy for meeting cancellation. Julie said she had a list of 4-5 members that would be called if we cancel. Everyone else should check for the posting on our website. It was suggested that Jay call Butterworth Center and determine how much notice they need and if they could put up a cancellation sign on the door if we need it.

**Announcements:** Our next General Meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:30 PM at the Butterworth Ed Center. The program will be presented by Brian Fox from Bishop Hill titled “John Deere: A Discussion of the History & Future of Agriculture”. The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 9, 2020 6:30 PM at Butterworth Center, Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Bartosh for  
Kathy Elliott,  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the March 12, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,890.55 as of March 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$50.97 and total cash assets were \$37,181.88. Motion by Jan McKenzie to approve the March report. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried. A checkbook balance \$2,879.81 was reported as of April 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$54.52 and total cash assets as of April 30, 2020 were \$37,225.66. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the April report. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried. Treasurer Judi McDowell presented a proposed budget for 2020. After discussion, a motion was made by Betty Hagberg to approve the proposed budget. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel reported she has been keeping the members notified about changes and cancellations to the regular meeting schedule due to COVID-19.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – No Report

Computer Interest – Julie reported 653 users of the RICIGS website in March and 519 in April. More information has been added to the site and seems to be bringing in new members.

Conference – Conference was cancelled, and all money has been refunded. Judi sent a list to Shay of everyone who registered for the 2020 Conference and those names not already on the mailing list will be added for 2021.

Education – Linda Polich reported Lunch & Learn gatherings for April, May and June were cancelled by Butterworth due to COVID-19. The next scheduled Lunch & Learn is July 17<sup>th</sup> and the topic is Using Coalmining, Railroading, Farming, Prospecting, Logging, Lumber Mill Records for Your Research. The April Next Step Workshop was also cancelled due to COVID-19. The next scheduled Workshop is June 27<sup>th</sup> and the topic is Census, Military and Records Galore.

FGS - The September 2-5 Conference in Kansas City MO is still on at this point. Registration is open and FGS is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and is updating their website as necessary. Their website is [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). The NGS Conference has been changed to a Virtual Conference on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Details for registration can be found on their website: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

Fundraising – Because the COVID-19 pandemic has affected so many people, RICIGS decided not to send out Birdies for Charity pledge forms to our members this year soliciting fundraising donations. Online donations can be made. An email was sent out to our membership by Julie Vogel.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie has funeral cards that she will be organizing and delivering to the RICIGS library.

Historian – No report

Librarian – Deb VanSant reported she is looking at purchasing some books for the library.

Obituaries – No report

Publications – Betty Hagberg and Marilyn Mix are working to add some marriage record information abstracted from the Rock Island County Courthouse records to the website.

Mailing – No report

Queries – Queries regarding cemeteries and obituaries were received and will be processed when access to the library is available.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 120 renewals received for 2020 and 12 life members. Another renewal was received via mail this week.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported he has been in contact with John Heider about the May general meeting program. He is ready to present it whenever it can be scheduled.

**Old Business:** - Shay said he was in the process of getting a quote for table signs with the RICIGS logo and name that can be used at public events. He has also purchased a white table skirt for \$10.00 and is getting a quote to have the logo printed on it also.

**New Business:** - The Board shared their thoughts on how this first online meeting went and discussed the possibility of using Zoom or some other online meeting service for future Board and General Membership meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed the Board would meet at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 using Google Meet to see how it works and discuss other uses.

**Announcements:** - The May General Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020 at the Butterworth Education Center is cancelled. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Type of meeting will be determined after May 19, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Special Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel at 2:00 p.m. via Google Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Lorraine Hathaway, Beth Hoffman, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Shay Elliott and Kathy Elliott.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the use of an online meeting program as an option for holding regularly scheduled meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic or during bad weather.

Julie reviewed the features of Google Meeting compared to Zoom Meeting. The primary differences to consider seemed to be the cost and the amount of time available for meeting length. Those in attendance felt online meetings were an ideal option for Board meetings and several suggested they might be considered as the preferred option for most of the Board meetings. Discussion was also held on the possibility of using online meetings for Lunch & Learn events and for the General Membership meetings. Motion by Linda Polich to use Google Meeting as the choice for RICIGS Board meetings and any other RICIGS meetings as appropriate. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried. Julie said she would do more research to familiarize herself with other features of the Google Meeting program and pass that information along to Board members.

After discussion it was agreed that Julie would notify the RICIGS membership that we are considering making the General Membership meetings available online and she will schedule afternoon and evening practice meetings in early June to determine if the membership is interested in this option. She will also work with the program presenter for the June meeting to be sure her program can be presented in this manner. The June General Membership meeting will be held as an online meeting.

The June Lunch & Learn session will be cancelled, and the Education Committee will decide how to handle the July session.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:31 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Kathy Holmgren, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,923.25 as of May 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$52.91 and total cash assets were \$37,322.01. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel reported she has been keeping the members notified about changes and cancellations to the regular meeting schedule due to COVID-19.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported 474 users of the RICIGS website in May. Areas of interest were obituaries, cemeteries and the blog. New material has been added and the website is up to date. Our old computer that was located at the Historical Society was obsolete and the Society wanted the space for other purposes, so it was removed and recycled.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported the next Lunch and Learn is tentatively scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>. We may try to do this as a Zoom meeting, based on how the General Membership meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> goes. Workshops scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled. The committee will review how to present educational topics to members in the future, possibly educational programs by professional speakers or creating Special Interest Groups.

FGS - The September 2-5 Conference in Kansas City MO is still on at this point. Registration is open and FGS is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and is updating their website as necessary. Their website is [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). NGS continues to send out merger updates.

Fundraising – As reported last month, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, RICIGS decided not to send out Birdies for Charity pledge forms to our members. Online donations can be made, and participating organizations are assured of a 5% bonus. An update will be e-mailed to our membership regarding Birdies for Charity.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – No report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant presented a list of new books purchased for the library. (see attached)

Obituaries – No report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported additional information has been added to the Bride & Groom Index. She is working on updating the print version.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Deb Van Sant reported she was able to work on 4 queries received on our website and sent the information to the inquirers. When she has access to RICHS, she may find additional information for them. The Board discussed whether the Society should continue doing research and it was agreed we will continue for now.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 124 renewals received for 2020 and 11 life members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported the June program, A Guide to Overseas Genealogy, will be presented via Zoom Meeting on June 23, 2020. Julie will set the meeting up so that members can begin signing into the meeting at 6:00 PM

so we will be ready to begin the program at 6:30 PM. Following the program, a regular business meeting will be held. Julie will hold practice Zoom meetings on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for anyone who is new to Zoom.

**Old Business:** - Shay said he has not received the quote yet for table signs with the RICIGS logo or a quote to have the logo printed on a table cover.

**New Business:** - The Board discussed the Annual Meeting and selected Tuesday, November 10, 2020 as the date. Jay Matlock offered to check on Stony Creek as a location and Shay said River Front Grill might be okay if we could be in a larger room. He will contact them. Doors would open at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Cost per meal should be around \$22.00 if possible.

A Nominating Committee composed of 2 Board members and 1 person from the general membership needs to prepare a slate of officers for presentation at the September General Membership meeting. The positions needed for 2021 are President, Recording Secretary and Member-at-Large 2023. Jay Matlock and Shay Elliott will serve from the Board. Kathy Elliott will contact Lorraine Hathaway to see if she will be the General Membership member.

**Announcements:** - The June General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via Zoom Meeting. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2020

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting with 33 members present.

Program – Jacquie Schattner presented the program “A Guide To Overseas Genealogy”.

The secretary’s minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,923.25 as of May 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$52.91 and total cash assets were \$37,322.01. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been keeping members notified about changes and cancellations to the regular meeting schedule and working to set up Zoom meetings.

President’s Report: Shay Elliott said he would appreciate comments from members about the use of Zoom Meetings when a regular meeting is not possible.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Members can check the website blog for new information.

Conference – The committee is trying to determine how to proceed with the 2021 Conference. Items to be decided include the date and if it will be in-person or virtual.

Education – Linda Polich reported the next Lunch and Learn is tentatively scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>. We may try to do this as a Zoom meeting. More information will be provided on this soon. Workshops scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled. The committee will review how to present educational topics to members in the future, possibly educational programs by professional speakers or creating Special Interest Groups.

FGS - The September 2-5 FGS Conference in Kansas City MO will be virtual. Their website is [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).

Fundraising –Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, RICIGS decided not to send out Birdies for Charity pledge forms to our members. Online donations can be made, and participating organizations are assured of a 5% bonus. An update will be e-mailed to our membership regarding Birdies for Charity.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – No report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported on new books purchased for the library. They include *The Magic of German Church Records*, *The Mayflower 500*, and *Official County Plat Book and Farmer’s Directory of Henry County Illinois Circa 1955*.

Obituaries – No report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported that each month on the website a new volume of the Rock Island County newspaper indexes done by Janet Pease is listed on the Members Only section.

Mailing – No report

Queries – Deb Van Sant said several queries had been submitted to the website and she did research on them. They included a request for obituaries for the surname Carroll; cemetery information for John Coxon and wife Ann from the Illinois City area and information on Carl Erickson and Andrew Sorling who immigrated from Sweden to Galva.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 124 renewals and 11 life members for a total membership of 135.

Vice President – Jay Matlock asked everyone attending to please submit their thoughts on tonight’s program and on using Zoom for programs in the future.

**Old Business:** - No report

**New Business:** - A Nominating Committee composed of Lorraine Hathaway, Jay Matlock and Shay Elliott are working on a slate of officers for 2021. The offices of President, Recording Secretary and Member-at-Large 2023 need to be filled. Please consider doing your part for the Society by volunteering to serve as an officer. If we don't have officers, we can't have an organization.

**Announcements:** - The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The location and format are still to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Kathy Holmgren, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce and Ronna Stickrod.

The secretary's minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,485.03 as of June 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$54.74 and total cash assets were \$36,938.53. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been forwarding e-mails to Shay and Deb, as necessary. She will also be sending out notices and handouts for the July Lunch & Learn, which will be held via Zoom, and the July General Meeting. We received a message from EBSCO regarding a subscription for website assistance, but the Board agreed it was not needed at this time. The Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society also contacted us about what their organization has to offer.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported 437 users of the RICIGS website in June. Areas of interest were obituary indexes, the blog, the education corner and newspaper abstracts. New material has been added and the website is up to date.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported the Lunch and Learn on July 17<sup>th</sup> will be scheduled on Zoom. Handouts will be sent as an attachment to the Zoom meeting invite.

FGS – Progress continues on the NGS/FGS merger. Linda would like to step down as the Federation of Genealogical Societies delegate. If anyone is interested, please contact Linda.

Fundraising – The John Deere Classic sent a report that seven pledges totaling \$145.00 have been received. Invoices will be sent at a later date.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Goals – Linda Polich reported this has not been a good year for moving forward with our Society goals. Hopefully, next year we will get back on track for Education plans.

Historian – No report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant presented a list of new books purchased for the library. They included a three-volume set of Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims records and a Pictorial Atlas of Henry County Illinois. She was able to work in the Society library at RICHS and everything is now on the shelves and available for use. If anyone knows of a book that might be an asset for the library, please let Deb know.

Obituaries – Since we are no longer publishing current obituaries, this item will be removed from future agendas.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the Janet Pease indexes of the 1869 Rock Island Daily Union and Rock Island Argus have been added to the website and also the 1886 Rock Island County Directory.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Deb Van Sant reported she was able to finish up the queries she reported on last month. She also had a request from Janet Pease on a headstone for Minnie Wells in the Dayton cemetery. Judi McDowell help Deb with this request but the sexton told Judi there are no records for this person.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 125 renewals received for 2020 and 11 life members for a total of 136 members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported the June program, A Guide to Overseas Genealogy, was presented via Zoom Meeting on June 23, 2020 and satisfaction surveys were mostly positive. Many people have indicated they would like more Zoom meetings. He had a request to make the satisfaction survey fillable on-line and Julie has done this. The July program on Lineage Societies will be presented by Jane Schleinzer on July 28<sup>th</sup> via Zoom meeting. In August Thomas MacEntee will present a program entitled “Did I Get Everything – A Checklist for Researching”.

**Old Business:** - Shay is still trying to get a quote to have our logo printed on a table cover. He is working on table signs with the RICIGS logo also.

**New Business:**

Annual Dinner - Jay reported a buffet meal at Stony Creek would be more than \$22.00 per person. Brian Fox Ellis would be available as a speaker for the annual dinner. With the increase of Covid-19 cases in both Iowa and Illinois, the Board decided to wait until August 30<sup>th</sup> to decide about whether the dinner would be held this year.

Nominating Committee – Shay announced that Ann Noyce has agreed to serve as President for 2021 and Ronna Stickrod agreed to serve either as Member-at-Large or Recording Secretary, whichever is needed. Deb Van Sant commented that the immediate past president is also a member of the Board.

**Announcements:** - The July General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 via Zoom Meeting. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2020

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting with 27 members present.

Program – Jane Schleinzer presented the program “Lineage Societies”.

The secretary’s minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,485.03 as of June 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$54.74 and total cash assets were \$36,938.53. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been sending out meeting notices to members for Zoom meetings. She has also received several requests for research and has forwarded them to society members.

President’s Report: Shay has been looking for a source to have the RICIGS logo printed on a table skirt for use at Conference and other events. He has finally found a place and will be getting it ordered.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she received a query on an 1867 death of a person who lived on Rock River Street in Rock Island. After some research, she was able to send information on Chippiannock Cemetery to the requester.

Computer Interest – Julie reported 437 users on the Society website in June. Most popular areas were the obituary index, the education corner and the members only site.

Conference – The 2021 Conference will be virtual, and Judy Russell will be the presenter.

Education – Linda Polich submitted the follow report: We had our first Zoom Lunch & Learn on July 17<sup>th</sup>. What a success! 31 members participated with lots of great information shared. Attendees were polled, and all agreed to continue using Zoom for Lunch & Learn programs for the remainder of this year. The next Lunch & Learn will be on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Topic will be Using Digitized Newspapers for Your Research.

FGS – No report.

Fundraising –No report.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – No report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported there is a new posting on the website blog about the Virginia Public Claims Records books she recently purchased for the RICIGS library.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the most recent newspaper indexes added to the website are for the Rock Island Evening Argus and Daily Union and a Rock Island County Directory.

Mailing – No report

Queries – Deb Van Sant said she received a request for a photo of a William Caulkins who died in 1935. Since the society does not have many photos of individuals, she suggested the Rock Island County Historical Society be contacted.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 22 family memberships, 106 single memberships and 11 life members for a total membership of 139.

Vice President – Jay Matlock thanked Linda Walker for her suggestion of Jane Schleinzer for tonight’s program on lineage societies. The August program will be presented by Thomas MacEntee via Zoom. Its title is “Did I Get Everything”. John Heider is still interested in presenting a program on restoring grave markers for our society, but he can only present in person. Jay said he is talking with the Family History Center in Davenport about a possible Zoom program with them.

**Old Business:** - The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers for 2021 and plans to have it completed by the August meeting.

**New Business:** - There was no new business to discuss.

**Announcements:** - The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Thomas MacEntee will present the program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce and Alan Noyce.

Since Vice President Jay Matlock needs to leave the meeting early because of another commitment, he gave his report first. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers for 2021 to the General Membership at the September meeting. President – Ann Noyce, Vice President – Jay Matlock, Treasurer – Judi McDowell, Recording Secretary – Ronna Stickrod, Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel, Member-at-Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh, Member-at-Large 2022 – Scarlett Imhoff, Member-at-Large 2023 – Alan Noyce. Article 5 of the Bylaws states that officers shall serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms, except the Treasurer who may not serve more than five consecutive terms. Motion by Deb Van Sant to waive the two term limit this year for the Vice President and the Corresponding Secretary. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried. The Board accepted the slate of officers for 2021 as presented by the Nominating Committee. The membership will vote for the 2021 officers at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jay reported that Thomas MacEntee would present a Zoom program at the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and Kevin Braafladt would present a program comparing Covid-19 and the 1918 Influenza Pandemics. The September program will either be Julie Vogel presenting “Just Google It” or a program by Ginger Frere. Jay will have more information at the next meeting. Since Covid-19 is still very much a concern, the Board discussed planning ahead for the January, February and March meeting venue and format. The Board also discussed stipends for the presenters and Jay asked for program suggestions.

The secretary’s minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,229.07 as of July 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$53.12 and total cash assets were \$36,735.69. The Treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been forwarding e-mails and meeting notices, as necessary.

President’s Comments – Shay said we received a renewal check by mail from the Midwest Genealogy Center and it appears they are interested in subscribing to the Quarterly. Since the Quarterly is no longer being published, he wondered if we should return the check. Julie asked that the check be mailed to her and she will check previous correspondence to see if she spoke to them previously. A publication order form was also received in the mail from someone wanting to purchase 3 six-generation pedigree charts. Publications chairman Betty Hagberg said these charts are no longer available and only items listed on the RICIGS website under the shop tab can be purchased. Shay will return the order form and money to the sender with an explanation. Shay has accumulated several quarterlies and newsletters from other societies for the library and asked Deb if he could take them to the Historical Society and leave them for her in a large envelope on an empty shelf in our section of the library. They agreed he would deliver them on Friday.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported 448 users of the RICIGS website in July. Areas of interest were obituary indexes, newspaper abstracts, cemeteries and genealogical sources. The website is up to date. Julie asked for a couple volunteers to serve as back-up for Zoom Meeting facilitators if she has a conflict. Ann, Betty and Deb said they could help.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported the first Zoom Lunch and Learn was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and was a success with 31 members participating. Attendees were polled, and all agreed to continue using Zoom for Lunch and Learn programs for the remainder of this year. The August 7<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn was also well attended with 24 participants. The last two

programs for this year will be September 4<sup>th</sup> on Ethnic Research and October 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sharing Your Family History. We do have confirmed dates for 2021 Lunch and Learn at the Education Center but will have to wait and see if that will work out. The Education Team will meet soon to plan the 2021 Education curriculum.

FGS – Progress continues on the NGS/FGS merger. Linda emailed our Society's vote in favor of the merger. Registration is open for the 2020 Virtual FGS Conference. Prices range from \$130 to \$395 and presentations may be viewed from September 15, 2020 through March 15, 2021. Deb Van Sant volunteered to replace Linda Polich as the FGS representative.

Fundraising – No word yet on when checks will be available from Birdies for Charity.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Goals – Linda Polich said she emailed notes from the FGS meeting to Board members because there were some good ideas to consider for society goals.

Historian – Linda Walker has notified Shay that she will not continue as historian in 2021. She states she has not taken and photos in 2020 and the scrapbooks are all at RICHS. We need to find a volunteer to serve in this position. Julie will send out a notice to all members looking for a volunteer.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported that with the help of Julie Vogel and Betty Hagberg old quarterlies were removed from our storage area in the RICHS basement and discarded. They were able to free up quite a bit of space.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the Janet Pease indexes of the 1899-1900 *Moline Evening Mail* have been added to the website. She also said that over 500 marriage records from 1907 to 1910 were added to the Members Only section of the website. Betty said these records were originally transcribed by Marilyn Mix and Dorothy Darland, indexed by Linda Polich and digitized by Darrell and Betty Hagberg. These records contain a lot of information.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Nothing new to report.

Registrar – No report.

**Old Business:** - Shay said he has located a source for having the logo printed on a table cover, but since we will not need it for a while no action needs to be taken at this time. Shay surveyed the Board via email regarding holding Board meetings and General meetings for the rest of the year as well as the Annual Dinner. Of the 11 members responding, everyone wanted to continue holding Board meetings via Zoom and most thought we should use Zoom for the September and October General meetings also. For the Annual Dinner, most Board members thought we should cancel it for 2020, but we would still need to find a way to handle installation of officers. Kathy Elliott asked if installation could be the last item of business at the October meeting and if it could be conducted via Zoom? After discussion it was agreed to hold installation of the 2021 officers at the October 27, 2020 general membership meeting.

**New Business:**

Shay said Deb Van Sant had contacted him about some outdated information in the Bylaws. He asked Deb to chair a committee to update the bylaws, as necessary. Julie Vogel, Ann Noyce and Shay will also serve on the committee.

**Announcements:** - The August General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm. via Zoom Meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2020 (Revised)

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce and Alan Noyce.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce, Alan Noyce and Ronna Stickrod.

President's Comments – Shay reported that, since RICIGS had contributed to the Rock Island County Civil War Monument Restoration Project in the past, the Society received an update letter. The new statue is currently inside the Sheriff's Office Justice Center lobby. The committee plans to continue raising funds for completion of the project once the status of the old courthouse is determined. He also said a donation recognition pin was received from the Mayflower Meetinghouse project in recognition of our recent donation. The pin will be kept in the President's box.

The secretary's minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,050.13 as of August 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$54.98 and total cash assets were \$36,611.73 The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she contacted the Midwest Genealogical Society about the check received last month for a subscription to the RICIGS quarterly. Since we no longer publish a quarterly, they requested the check be returned to them.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she visited two cemeteries in Canoe Creek Township, Bethesda and Mount Maria or Mount Moriah. She took many photos and will be uploading them to Billion Graves.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In August there were 356 users of the RICIGS website. Areas of interest included membership, newspaper abstracts, obituary indexes, shop and cemeteries.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported the September Lunch & Learn was successful with 31 participants via Zoom. Those attending used a new registration format, so now there is a record of those attending. The final Lunch & Learn for 2020 will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be on sharing family history. Linda also reported that RootsTech 2021 will be free. Their website states "For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free." Ann Noyce stated that Butterworth Center is working to improve their ability to provide better wireless communication at their facilities in the future.

FGS – Deb Van Sant reported she updated the RICIGS representative information with FGS and said the membership of FGS has voted to merge with NGS.

Fundraising – The Society will be receiving a check for \$415.00 from Birdies for Charity for 2020 as well as a 5% bonus. Checks will be mailed the end of October.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie had nothing new to report at this time.

Goals – Nothing to discuss regarding Society Goals.

Historian – No report. Shay reminded the Board we need a volunteer for this committee in 2021 and asked them to think about possible candidates from the membership.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she removed the 2 drawer file cabinet that was beside the old RICIGS computer at the history center. The Board decided to offer it for sale to members for \$40.00 and if there is no interest it will be offered for sale to the public.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the Janet Pease indexes of the 1870 *Argus* and *Union* have been added to the website. Deb Van Sant said Janet Pease had contacted her regarding abstracting she is typing for the 1880 *Argus* and *Union*. We may be interested in publishing these records.

Mailing – Shay reported 2021 dues notices will be mailed out to members in November. Discussion was held on members who are paid ahead. Julie will supply a list of names paid ahead so they are not included in the mailing.

Queries – Nothing new to report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 143 members. She also said the supply of yellow membership cards is getting low. Discussion was held about whether to continue using membership cards. Motion by Betty Hagberg to discontinue use of the cards after 2020. The motion was seconded and carried.

Vice President – Jay Matlock was unable to attend the meeting but send a report. In September Kevin Braafladt will present a program on the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in the Quad Cities. In October Ginger Frere will present “Cobbler, Tailor, Trunkmaker: How My Grandpappies Made a Living.” In November Brian Fox Ellis will present “John Deere: A Discussion of the History & Future of Agriculture”. Since all three of these programs will be via Zoom Jay suggested that Julie Vogel should contact them to review technical issues with them prior to the meetings. He also asked about speaker fees for 2021 programs. The Board agreed the VP should have the ability to secure a speaker for the best possible fee without prior Board approval, if funds are available in the annual budget. The Board discussed the possibility of raising the program budget in 2021. Jay recommended we plan to Zoom general membership programs for the first quarter of 2021. We could then consider our options for in-person meetings for the rest of the year.

**Old Business:** - Deb Van Sant reported the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee met and has proposed some changes to both the Bylaws and the Standing Rules. Copies of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules will be sent to the Board members and they will vote on the changes at the October Board meeting. Members will be advised at the September general membership meeting that they will be receiving copies of the proposed changes to the Bylaws and a vote will be taken at the October meeting.

Officers for 2021 will be voted on at the September General Membership meeting. Since we are not holding an Annual Dinner this year, Jay Matlock has scheduled Brian Fox Ellis to present a special program on November 17, 2020. The Board discussed holding installation of officers at that time and offering door prizes for those attending. Betty Hagberg and Julie Vogel volunteered to work on this.

**New Business:** - There was no new business to discuss.

**Announcements:** - The September General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm. via Zoom Meeting. Kevin Braafladt will present the program “The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in the Quad Cities”. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. via Zoom Meeting with 31 members present.

Program – Vice President Jay Matlock introduced Kevin Braafladt from the Rock Island Arsenal, who presented the program “The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in the Quad Cities”.

The secretary’s minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,050.13 as of August 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$54.98 and total cash assets were \$36,611.73. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been sending out meeting notices to members for meetings and monitoring e-mails to the Society.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she visited two cemeteries in Canoe Creek Township, Bethesda and Mount Maria or Mount Moriah. She took many photos and will be uploading them to Billion Graves.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In August there were 356 users of the RICIGS website. Areas of interest included membership, newspaper abstracts, obituary indexes, shop and cemeteries.

Conference – Judi reported the Conference Committee met and voted to cancel the 2021 Quad City Genealogy Conference due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the lack of knowledge of the committee members concerning presenting a virtual conference. The committee has a list of 4 questions they would like members of both the Scott County society and the Rock Island County society to respond to. The following questions will be sent to our members:

1. Would you be interested in having a virtual conference?
2. Would you attend an all-day virtual conference?
3. Would you pay to attend a virtual conference?
4. Would you rather attend an in-person conference?

Education – Linda Polich reported the September Lunch & Learn was successful with 31 participants via Zoom. The final Lunch & Learn for 2020 will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be on sharing family history

FGS – Deb Van Sant reported the membership of FGS has voted to merge with NGS.

Fundraising – Even though there were fewer participants this year, the Society will be receiving a check from Birdies for Charity for 2020 as well as a 5% bonus. Checks will be mailed the end of October.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie had nothing new to report at this time.

Historian – No report. Shay stated we need a volunteer for this committee in 2021 and asked members to think about chairing this committee. If you like scrapbooking, you would be a good fit.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she removed the 2-drawer file cabinet that was beside the old RICIGS computer at the history center. The Board decided to offer it for sale to members for \$40.00 and if there is no interest it will be offered for sale to the public.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 25 of the Janet Pease indexes of the 1870 *Argus* and *Union* have been added to the members only section of the website. She also reported we now have a collection of over 400 birth and death records from upper Rock Island County from 1870 to 1940. There are also a few from Whiteside County. These records were originally copied by Marilyn Mix and Dorothy Darland, indexed by Linda Polich and digitized by Darrell and Betty Hagberg. They are also on the members only section of the website.

Mailing – Shay reported 2021 dues notices will be mailed out to members in November.

Queries – Nothing new to report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 145 members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock announced that satisfaction surveys for Kevin Braafladt’s program will be e-mailed to all members attending tonight’s meeting. Please respond. The October program, “Cobbler, Tailor, Trunkmaker: How My Grandpappies Made a Living.” will be presented by Ginger Frere. Since the Annual Dinner will not be held this year, there will be a special Zoom meeting on November 17, 2020. Professional speaker Brian Fox Ellis will present a costumed program entitled “John Deere: A Discussion of the History & Future of Agriculture”. There will also be Installation of the 2021 Officers and door prizes. All members are invited to attend.

**Old Business:** - On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Jay presented a slate of officers for 2021. They are:

President – Ann Noyce

Vice President – Jay Matlock

Treasurer – Judi McDowell

Recording Secretary – Ronna Stickrod

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member-at-Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh

Member-at-Large 2022 – Scarlett Imhoff

Member-at-Large 2023 – Alan Noyce

Election of Officers will be held at the October 27, 2020 General Membership meeting.

**New Business:** - Deb Van Sant reported a committee had met and reviewed the current Bylaws. A few changes were made regarding publication of a quarterly and the number required for a quorum at a Board meeting. These changes will be voted on at the October 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. As required by the Bylaws, copies of the proposed changes will be distributed to all members at least 20 days ahead of the October meeting.

**Announcements:** - The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Ginger Frere will present the program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

## Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

### Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce, Alan Noyce and Ronna Stickrod.

The secretary's minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,152.50 as of September 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$55.06 and total cash assets were \$36,769.16. Judi said two CD's will mature in October. The Board discussed possible options for renewal. Motion by Julie Vogel to renew one CD at the 1-year rate of .75% and one CD at the 2-year rate of .8%. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported there has not been much correspondence over the last month.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she has been working with the Billion Graves App and submitted approximately 100 photos from the Homeland Cemetery near Barstow, IL. Some may be duplicates as former member Pam Moreno had submitted photos in 2013. Judi said she saw a report on local TV about extensive tree damage to Chippiannock Cemetery due to the derecho in August. Complaints had been made about the lack of maintenance, mowing and condition of some headstones. The cemetery manager said he has fallen behind with his workload and has trouble finding help during the pandemic. He also stated the cemetery receives no state funding and relies on cemetery operations and lot sales for revenue.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In September there were 424 users of the RICIGS website. Areas of interest included obituary indexes; events, video's & handouts; and membership.

Conference – Judi reported she prepared a spreadsheet of the responses to the member survey concerning Conference. Most members were satisfied with the cancellation of the 2021 QC Genealogical Conference and many members were open to the possibility of a virtual conference in the future. This information will be passed along to the Conference Committee.

Education – Linda Polich reported the final Lunch & Learn for 2020 was held on October 2nd with 14 participants via Zoom. The Education Team is working on the topic list for the 2021 Lunch and Learn programs.

Fundraising – There has been no communication from Birdies for Charity yet.

FGS – No Report

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie had nothing new to report at this time.

Historian – There has been no contact from anyone interested in taking over this position.

Librarian – No Report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported two new items were added to the website. They include volume 26 of newspaper abstracts for the Port Byron Globe 1884-1887 and a book of information on the Cemeteries of Rock Island County.

Mailing – Shay reported 2021 dues notices will be mailed out to members in November.

Queries – Julie reported we received a request for research on the Stewart family. Deb Van Sant is working on this.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we received two new memberships and now have 147 members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock was unable to attend the meeting but send a report. He was disappointed that only 7 members responded to the satisfaction survey on Kevin Braafladt's program on the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. Those who responded were all favorable. Jay said all responses are helpful to him in scheduling programs for the meetings. Julie said she and Jay are working together to develop a more user-friendly satisfaction survey for future programs.

**Old Business:** Copies of the proposed changes to the Bylaws were sent to all members earlier this month and a vote will be taken at the October general meeting.

A slate of Officers for 2021 was announced at the September general meeting and will be voted on at the October General Membership meeting.

Since we are not holding the Annual Dinner this year, Jay Matlock has scheduled Brian Fox Ellis to present a special program via Zoom on November 17, 2020. The Board discussed the agenda for this special social event, and it was agreed Brian Fox Ellis would present his program, "John Deere: A Discussion of the History and Future of Agriculture" first. Following the program there will be installation of the 2021 officers, a fun trivia contest and door prizes. The Board encourages all members to join us for this fun virtual event.

**New Business:** - The Board discussed locations and formats for 2021 meetings and educational opportunities. After discussion of the options available through Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House, it was decided Lunch & Learn events for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 will be held via Zoom. Board meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 will be held via Zoom. General meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 will also be held via Zoom. The Board will review the Covid-19 situation again during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 to determine how to handle meetings during the rest of the year.

**Announcements:** - The October General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm. via Zoom Meeting. The program will be presented by Ginger Frere. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes October 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. 27 members were in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel announced she would be recording tonight's program for future review by members on the RICIGS website. She also said satisfaction surveys for tonight's program would be emailed to attendees along with a link to the sources used in the program.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Ginger Frere, who presented the program "Cobbler, Tailor, Trunkmaker: How My Grandpappies Made a Living.

The secretary's minutes from the September 27, 2020 general meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,152.50 as of September 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$55.06 and total cash assets were \$36,769.16. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she had sent welcome information to a couple new members.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she has been working with the Billion Graves App and submitted approximately 100 photos from the Homeland Cemetery near Barstow, IL. Some may be duplicates as former member Pam Moreno had submitted photos in 2013.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In September there were 424 users of the RICIGS website. Areas of interest included obituary indexes; events, video's & handouts; and membership.

Conference – Judi reminded everyone the 2021 Quad City Genealogical Conference will not be held due to Covid-19.

Education – Linda Polich reported the final Lunch & Learn for 2020 was held on October 2nd with 14 participants via Zoom. There was good discussion among those attending. The Education Team is finalizing the topic list for the 2021 Lunch and Learn programs. The first quarter (January, February and March) programs will be on Zoom. We will re-evaluate the Covid-19 situation after that as we go forward into 2021.

Fundraising – There has been no report from Birdies for Charity. Checks are scheduled to be mailed to organizations on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

FGS – No Report

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie had nothing new to report at this time.

Historian – We still need a member to take over this position.

Librarian – No Report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported abstracts of the Port Byron Globe 1884-1887 were added to the members only section of the website. Other additions are also in process.

Mailing – Shay reported 2021 dues notices will be mailed out to members in November.

Queries – Julie reported a couple queries have been forwarded to Deb Van Sant.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 148 members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock said he hopes members will complete the satisfaction surveys for tonight's program because they are helpful to him in scheduling programs for the meetings. Meetings and Programs for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 will be via Zoom. A decision about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter has not been made yet. In January Jacquie Schattner will present a program on publishing your genealogy. In February, the program will be about researching in Pennsylvania and the March program will be presented by Thomas MacEntee.

**Old Business:** Vice President Jay Matlock read the proposed slate of officers for 2021. They are:

President – Ann Noyce

Vice President – Jay Matlock

Treasurer – Judi McDowell

Recording Secretary – Ronna Stickrod

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member-at-Large 2021 – Sally Bartosh

Member-at-Large 2022 – Scarlett Imhoff

Member-at-Large 2023 – Alan Noyce

Since there were no nominations from the floor it was moved and seconded the slate be approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**New Business:** - Copies of proposed changes to the Bylaws were emailed to all members more that 20 days prior to this meeting as required by our current Bylaws. There were no questions from the membership concerning the proposed changes. Motion by Shay Elliott to approve the changes to the Bylaws. Seconded by Laura Reich. Motion carried.

Annual Celebration – Brian Fox Ellis will present a special program entitled “John Deere: A Discussion of the History and Future of Agriculture” via Zoom on November 17, 2020 in place of the Annual Dinner normally held in November. Following the program there will be installation of the 2021 officers, a fun trivia contest and door prizes. All members are encouraged to join us for this fun virtual event.

**Announcements:** - The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom. The program will be presented by Jacquie Schattner.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott. Also, in attendance were Ann Noyce and Alan Noyce.

The secretary's minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,119.74 as of October 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$51.67 and total cash assets were \$36,838.03. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported there has not been much correspondence over the last month.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi had nothing new to report on cemeteries.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In October there were 493 users of the RICIGS website. Of those, 444 were new users. Areas of interest included obituary indexes; funeral cards; newspaper abstracts and education.

Conference – The committee is not meeting at this time and a new chairman is needed. Judi said she attended a virtual conference and sent comments to the committee members for future reference. Julie Vogel said she is interested in helping with the tech side of a virtual conference if the committee is interested in the future.

Education – Linda Polich said there was nothing new to report from the committee

Fundraising – We received two Birdies for Charity checks. One check was for pledges which totaled \$415.00 from 14 participants. The 5% bonus check was for \$20.75. This year's fundraiser totaled \$435.75. There will be changes to the program for 2021 and Linda will modify our contact letter.

FGS – Deb Van Sant reported the merger between FGS and NGS is now complete. The new organization is seeking donations until December 10, 2020 that will be guaranteed a 100% match. Judi will verify if RICIGS dues are current and we may consider donating.

Funeral Cards – No Report

Historian – A chairman is still needed for this committee.

Librarian – Deb reported she purchased several books at an estate sale for the RICIGS library. They included a history of Clinton County, Iowa and two parish directories for St. John Vianney Church in Bettendorf.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 27 of the Pease abstracts for the Rock Island Evening Argus in 1871 was added to the website and Rock Island County Chancery Court Abstracts from 1842 to 1901. She also said she has reviewed the cemetery books created by a committee of Society members and feels they can be scanned to the website without any copyright issues.

Mailing – Shay reported 2021 dues notices were mailed out.

Queries – Julie reported we received a request for information on a burial in Coal Valley Township Cemetery. She is working on this.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have a total of 149 members for 2020. So far, we have 46 renewals for 2021.

Vice President – No report.

**Old Business:** The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Standing Rules. Motion by Sally Bartosh to accept the proposed changes to the Standing Rules. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried. They will be retyped with the changes and distributed to the membership.

The Annual Meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> as a Zoom meeting with Brian Fox Ellis presenting the program. This will be followed by installation of officers for 2021 and a trivia quiz and door prizes.

**New Business:** - Judi McDowell asked about scanning some of the items in the safe deposit box and keeping copies in Dropbox. It was agreed this was a good idea.

Deb Van Sant reported that Janet Pease expects to finish an abstract of the Rock Island Argus and Union newspapers for 1880 in July. Deb will work with her on getting the material ready to publish.

**Announcements:** - The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday December 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom with the program presented by Jacquie Schattner on publishing your genealogy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Corresponding Secretary and meeting facilitator Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. President Shay Elliott was experiencing trouble with the audio portion of the meeting. Also present were Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, and Kathy Elliott. Ann Noyce and Alan Noyce were also in attendance.

President Shay Elliott thanked the 2020 Board members for their service. He also thanked the incoming officers and Board members for volunteering to lead RICIGS in 2021.

The secretary's minutes from the November 12, 2020 Board meeting were e-mailed to the members. Deb Van Sant asked that the information about a July completion date for the Janet Pease abstract of the 1880 Rock Island Argus and Union be removed from the paragraph under New Business as no firm date has been set. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,528.73 as of November 30, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$29.82 and total cash assets were \$38,226.88. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi said she would present a first draft of a budget at the January Board meeting and asked the officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts on expenses for the coming year.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she has been sending out meeting notices as needed and has also sent thank you notes to contributing members who made a donation to the Society along with their annual dues.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported the website is up to date. In November there were 356 users of the RICIGS website. Of those, 329 were new users. Areas of interest included court records, newspaper abstracts and membership. She asked for information on the availability of tote bags and T-shirts and requested a photo of each item for the website. Kathy will get this information for Julie.

Conference – There is no activity from the Quad City Genealogical Conference Committee at this time.

Education – Linda Polich reported the Education Team has selected the following dates and topics for the 2021 Lunch and Learn meetings:

- January 8, 2021 (Zoom) – New Year – New Start
- February 5, 2021 (Zoom) – Dating Old Photographs
- March 5, 2021 (Zoom) – DNA
- April 9, 2021 - Land Records, Deeds, Homesteads
- May 7, 2021 - Roots Magic and Family Tree Maker – Follow-up
- June 4, 2021 – CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and WPA (Works Progress Administration).
- July 9, 2021 – Using Google for Your Genealogy Research
- August 6, 2021 – Census Reports Beyond Federal (State, Ag, Business, Other?)
- September 3, 2021 – Church Records (Parish, Quaker, Scandinavian, and more)
- October 1, 2021 - Passenger Lists, Ports of Departure and Ports of Entry

Fundraising – Linda stated we will have to adjust the wording for our 2021 Birdies for Charity letter to members in order to reflect the changes announced this year by the John Deere Classic. Penny pledges will no longer be accepted; donors will only be given the option to make a flat donation either by check or online. Tournament dates will be July 5-11, 2021 and Linda recommended sending out the letter to members in April 2021.

FGS – Deb Van Sant reported she has not received a response to her inquiry on the RICIGS dues status. She also said the website is not user friendly and the full Board may not have access to it.

Funeral Cards – No Report

Historian – A chairman is still needed for this committee.

Librarian – Deb reported she had been contacted about some research on the Andrew and Jacob Olson families and other Swedish questions, but she was only able to find 3 obituaries. The requester then asked about hiring a local researcher and Deb referred him to Society member Laura Reich. However, since the requester had already donated for research work on the Olson family, Deb used the money to purchase a Scandinavian research guide for the library. Deb also reported Janet Pease has finished transcribing the abstract of the 1880 Rock Island Argus and has mailed it to Deb. A volunteer is needed to act as editor and prepare the document for publication. Julie Vogel volunteered to act as editor with input from Deb Van Sant. Janet Pease is also working on the 1880 Rock Island Union abstract and has completed three months so far.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported the abstract of the Milan Independent newspaper from May 1902 to December 1906 has been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. She is also preparing to add information from the Pioneer Families & Descendants in Rock Island County Prior to 1877 program to our website. The Board also discussed the descriptions used for the cemeteries listed on the website, if this information should be available at no cost to the public and if there is interest in updating our current cemetery information.

Mailing – 2021 dues notices were mailed out.

Queries – Julie reported we received a request for information on the death of a Bridget Walsh in 1874. The family was reported to have lived southwest of Milan. She will contact Calvary Cemetery and the Peoria Diocese to see if they have any records.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 54 renewals for 2021 so far plus our life members. Ann said she has picked up more renewals at the post office and will pass them along.

Vice President – Jay Matlock asked for input from the Board about possibly sharing programs with SCIGS. He also reported General Meetings in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 will all be via Zoom Meeting. The January program will be presented by Jacquie Schattner on publishing your genealogy. The February program will be about researching in Pennsylvania and in March the program will be presented by Thomas MacEntee. The format for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021 will be determined by the status of Covid-19.

**Old Business:** The Annual Meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> as a Zoom meeting with Brian Fox Ellis presenting the program, which was well received. 29 people attended and enjoyed the trivia quiz and door prize drawings.

**New Business:** The William Butterworth Foundation has requested a donation to help offset the cost of upgrades to their internet service and virtual meeting technology for organizations using their facilities. Motion by Shay Elliott to donate \$250.00 to this cause. Seconded by Deb Van Sant. Motion carried.

Illinois Humanities has requested a donation for 2021. After discussion it was agreed no action would be taken at this time.

Member-at-Large 2022 Scarlett Imhoff has resigned her position and we will need to find a replacement. It was suggested that Jerry Viernow be contacted about the position. Jay Matlock will contact him.

**Announcements:** - The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom with the program presented by Jacquie Schattner on publishing your genealogy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

## Board Meetings 2020

January – meeting held at Butterworth Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Center

April – no meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

May – meeting held on Zoom

June - meeting held on Zoom

July - meeting held on Zoom

August – meeting held on Zoom

September - meeting held on Zoom

October – meeting held on Zoom

November – meeting held on Zoom

December – meeting held on Zoom

## General Meetings 2020

January – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

February – no meeting held due to weather

March – no meeting held due to COVID-19 pandemic

April - no meeting held due to COVID-19 pandemic

May - no meeting held due to COVID-19 pandemic

June – meeting held on Zoom

July - meeting held on Zoom

August – no business meeting

September - meeting held on Zoom

October - meeting held on Zoom

November – celebration held on Zoom, no business meeting

December – no meeting