

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Ann Noyce, Jay Matlock, Linda Polich, Jan McKenzie, Mary Gardner-Karcher, Deb Van Sant, Kathy Elliott, Judi McDowell, Betty Hagberg, Sally Bartosh and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel wished us a Happy New Year. She thanked us for placing our trust in her as the role of President.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance of \$1,461.83. Income of \$618.00. Expenses of \$542.51 for an ending balance as of 31 December 2023, \$1,537.32. Interest on all accounts is \$101.49 and total assets are \$40,655.30. This report will be filed for audit. Judi presented the 2024 Budget. It was suggested to change Web Page to Technology. The 2023 Annual Report will be posted to the website. There will be a vote on the Budget at the February 8 Board meeting. Kathy Elliott said that in the past we've received money from members which was put into CDs. It doesn't mean we can't use this money. Judi said one thought is to take the interest when a CD matures and put it into the checking account and have the original dollar amount put into the CD. There is a CD that matures January 28. Kathy Elliott made a motion to put the interest into the checking account. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Deb Van Sant suggested maybe removing the CD's from the report on the website. Judi will modify the 2022 and 2023 reports and Julie will post them to the website.

Vice President: Jay Matlock said that most speakers are increasing their fees. He thinks the dollar amount in the Budget should be enough. Jay thanked Julie Vogel for her help with the speaker agreement. The Catholic Diocese in Davenport have newspapers from the 1870's which will be added to our website. Kathy Elliott said that St. Ambrose also has some information. Julie said she will look into adding these to the website.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said that renewals are being sent to Ann Noyce and she'll update Dropbox. Julie is sending any correspondence to the appropriate people. She's making sure that everything is updated on the website. Ann is helping Julie with information in Dropbox so that we have an archive.

Education: Linda Polich said that Mary Gardner-Karcher led the Lunch & Learn on January 3 via Zoom. There were 16 members. The next Lunch & Learn is February 7, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

on Genealogical Proof Standards. The next SIG Writing Family History is January 17, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next SIG DNA is February 20, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Fundraising: Linda Polich had nothing to report.

Funeral Cards: Jan McKenzie had nothing to report.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on the 2023 information and starting on 2024. She's including the attendance numbers for the meetings. If anyone has any photos, send them to Judi.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant had nothing to report. Julie Vogel asked if the surname file was up to date. Deb said she'll update the surname file and the library catalog as needed.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott said that she's mailed out letters to the contributing members just before the first of the year.

Publications: Betty Hagberg said that she and Judi McDowell plan to review the cemetery materials and ones that haven't been added to the website, they'll add them.

Queries and Research: Julie Vogel said that she worked on a query. Deb Van Sant also had one that she worked on. Betty Hagberg said that Ronna Stickrod said that Orin Rockhold found a cemetery that Betty needed information on. When she hears back from Orin, she'll let the Board know.

Registrar: Ann Noyce emailed membership trends to the Board. As of today there are 51 members that need to renew. There are 5 new members. Three people said they will not renew and Jerry Viernow had passed away, so there are four dropped. Ann said that she'll give quarterly reports to the Board and the General meeting. Betty Hagberg thought it would be a good idea to look at the total number of people that have attended all the General meetings, Lunch & Learn and SIGS. Mary Gardner-Karcher suggested maybe have Judi McDowell add this information to the Historian book.

Old Business:

ByLaws & Standing Rules: Julie Vogel said that Ann Noyce gave her an update to the ByLaws. These were members-at-large and immediate past President. Julie looked at ByLaws from other organizations on past President being added. Judi McDowell made a motion to accept the changes. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried. This will be emailed to the members and voted on at the February 27 General meeting.

Brochure/Rack Card: Julie Vogel said that she and Jay Matlock will be working on this. It was decided that we don't need a sign. Deb Van Sant and Ann Noyce went to RICHS and found another easel and sign for us to use.

New Business: Julie Vogel asked if we wanted to review our goals this year. We did it a couple years ago. She will review them. Jay Matlock suggested we consider having a couple meetings in person at the Moline Public Library and Zoom from there. The cost is \$10. Mary Gardner-Karcher suggested that we ask at the General meeting who would want to meet in person.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday February 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General Meeting is Tuesday January 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Nancy Loe will present a program on Successful Genealogy Sources and Citation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes January 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:36 pm. via Zoom. There were 26 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the October 24, 2023 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of December 1, 2023, \$1,461.83. Income of \$618.00. Expenses of \$542.51 for an ending balance as of 31 December 2023, \$1,537.32. Interest on all accounts is \$101.49 and total assets are \$40,655.30. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Education: Mary Gardner-Karcher said the next Lunch & Learn will be February 7, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. The topic is Genealogical Proof Standards. Betty Hagberg said the next SIG DNA will be February 20, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday February 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday February 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Michael Lacopo will present a program on Incorporating Social History into Your Research.

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker Nancy Loe. Her program is Successful Genealogy Sources and Citation.

The meeting adjourned at: 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Judi McDowell, Ann Noyce, Pam Lawson, Kathy Elliott, Deb Van Sant, Jay Matlock, Mary Karcher, Sally Bartosh and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Mary Karcher to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance of \$1,537.32. Income of \$562.31. Expenses of \$419.81 for an ending balance as of 31 January 2024, \$1,679.82. Interest on all accounts is \$102.37 and total assets are \$40,773.86. This report will be filed for audit. Judi said that she will contact Nancy Licko to see if she will audit the books. The 2024 Budget was presented at the January 11, 2024 Board meeting. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the 2024 Budget. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Vice President: Jay Matlock said that he will be in Florida for our February 27, 2024 General meeting. He will send Julie Vogel the introduction for the speaker, Michael Lacopo.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she got a couple emails about membership.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell said that she will be going to the Hampton Cemetery, 6th Addition. She will take photos and compile them into a book for the library collection. Mary Karcher asked if she needed help from the members and Judi said not yet.

Digital technology: Julie Vogel sent email reports to the Board. We've had 529 users on the website. Facebook and You Tube got views. She is doing updates on the website as needed. Jay Matlock suggested that maybe Bill Simmon would do a program.

Education: Mary Karcher said there was a Lunch & Learn on February 7 with 19 people via Zoom. On February 20 there will be a SIG DNA at 1:00 p.m. till 2:00 p.m. On March 6 there will be an in person Lunch & Learn. Roots Tech is coming up and there are free classes. Mary will post this information on our Facebook page.

Funeral Cards: Mary Karcher said there is not much going on.

Historian: Judi McDowell said that she is working on 2023 and starting 2024 information. The ByLaws will be put on a PDF.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant had nothing to report.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott sent out two letters to contributing members.

Publications: Julie Vogel said that the 1922-1934 Births for Rock Island County has been added to the website for members and in the Shop to purchase for non-members.

Queries and Research: Betty Hagberg said that Orin Rockhold has contacted Jay Matlock and Jay will send Orin contact information for Michael Lacopo. Deb Van Sant had scanned some information from the Surname file and sent the information to the person that made the request. Deb made suggestions to the person about other counties to check. We did not get any money.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said as of today there are 104 paid members. 41 have not renewed yet. This time of the year is about the same as it was last year.

Old Business:

ByLaws & Standing Rules: Julie Vogel said the ByLaws with revisions were emailed to the membership. This will be voted on at the February 27 general meeting.

Brochure/Rack Card: Julie Vogel said that she and Jay Matlock are working on this and Vista Print will print them. We will talk more at the March Board meeting.

Goals: Julie Vogel said that she looked at our list of goals. The last time they were reviewed was in 2021, by Linda Polich. Julie said that we will continue to use JetPack for the website. Our Mission Statement is the same. Under Education we've added more topics and we are offering more in person classes. We've created SIGs and added Belgian SIG. Suggested that we explore learning series on our website. Offering a writing workshop covered by SIG writing. Mary Karcher suggested maybe have a special session by Bill Simmon and offer it as a SIG instead of a conference. Maybe one or two hours. Julie will send out an email to the members about promoting your story. Always looking for something to put on our Blog. It was suggested to have a research help day, but it was decided not at this time since we have the mentoring program. A survey was done in 2022 about media presentations, educational events, research and transcription assistance, asking who was interested in helping. The mentoring program we did got a couple members that requested help. We'll talk more about this at the next Board meeting.

In-Person meetings at MPL: Jay Matlock suggested we talk about Zoom, in person only and Hybrid meetings. We talked about the speaker being on Zoom and the members attend in person. Suggested having in person meetings in May, July Sep, and Oct at the Moline Public Library. The November Annual Dinner and eight Lunch & learns are in person. There is one in person SIG on DNA and Writing. This is more than last year. Given a choice, people are choosing to stay at home and do Zoom. The TV screen at the library is big. Jay suggested that we have the June and August meeting as Hybrid. Pam Lawson said that she attended a Hybrid last year and she felt like she could have stayed home because the speaker was on Zoom. Julie Vogel said that April meeting will be Hybrid at the library. Jay will set this up in the library. There will be three Hybrid meetings with the speaker in person.

New Business: Mary Karcher talked to Abby Sauer from the East Moline Public Library and since last August 2023, they've had four or five people ask about genealogy. Mary suggested that

we can come and talk about our society and Abby could speak about what they have at their library. Mary said she is willing to do this with some help. Mary said she could show them what's on our website and pass out bookmarks with our programs. Sally Bartosh said it was a good idea to develop a program to give at other libraries. Suggested we might do this in September or October. Mary will call Abby and report at our next Board meeting.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General Meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Michael Lacopo will present a program on "Incorporating Social History into Your Research."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:26 p.m. via Zoom. There were 26 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the January 23, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of January 1, 2024, \$1,537.32. Income of \$562.31. Expenses of \$419.81 for an ending balance as of 31 January 2024, \$1,679.82. Interest on all accounts is \$102.37 and total assets are \$40,773.86. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Proposed ByLaws: Julie thanked the ByLaws committee Ann Noyce, Jay Matlock and Kathy Elliott. The Board already approved the proposed ByLaws in January 2024. A motion to accept the ByLaws was made by Kathy Elliott and seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg said the next Lunch & Learn will be March 6, in person at the Butterworth Education Center starting at 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. There will be a Belgian SIG March 27 via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday March 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Thomas MacEntee will present a program on "After Your Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker Dr. Michael Lacopo. His program is on Incorporating Social History into Your Research.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Julie McDowell, Ann Noyce, Pam Lawson, Kathy Elliott, Deb Van Sant, Jay Matlock, Mary Karcher, Sally Bartosh, Linda Polich and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance of \$1,679.82. Income of \$202.00. Expenses of \$446.78 for an ending balance as of 29 February 2024, \$1,435.04. Interest on all accounts is \$108.18 and total assets are \$40,637.26. This report will be filed for audit. Judi said that Nancy Licko audited the books and everything was in order.

Vice President: Jay Matlock reported that the Moline Public Library closes at 8:00 p.m. so they may want us to close down at 7:30 p.m. when we have programs there. We'll see how April's general meeting goes. Satisfaction surveys will be sent to Jay.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she's monitoring emails. Any renewals for membership she'll send to Ann Noyce and Judi McDowell. Julie sends out emails to the members for meetings and Mary Karcher will send emails for the Lunch and Learns and SIGS.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell said that a lady had contacted us on how she could transfer ownership of plots to her niece. The particular cemetery is in Rapid City and Judi will call the city for information and let the lady know.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said that she has renewed our annual Jet Pack of \$99.00 for our website. She emailed the board with user information on our website. Julie has been posting family history stories on our website and we've been getting hits and comments. People are viewing our Facebook page.

Education: Linda Polich said we had our first in person Lunch and Learn last week. It was well attended. There will be an in person SIG writing class on April 9, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. There will be a SIG Belgian on March 27, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. There was a SIG DNA on February 20, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Fundraising: Linda Polich said that she hasn't received the email yet for pledges. This probably won't happen till after Easter.

Historian: Judi McDowell is still working on 2023 and 2024 information.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant said that she has ordered the new 3 index books for the Mayflower silver books. She'll be back home the first week of April.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg said that she and Judi McDowell visited RICHS. She will be adding two new cemetery information to the website. Deb Van Sant asked if Rapid City cemetery was walked. Deb asked if there was a book. Judi thinks there is one called the Old Rapid City cemetery. Deb thought that a couple men had walked this cemetery a few years ago and gave us a copy. Judi will email Betty and see what she knows. Deb did a spreadsheet of cemeteries that were walked.

Queries and Research: Julie Vogel said we had a request from someone working with a client and they had a Jewish ancestor that was buried at the Hebrew cemetery in Rock Island. She suggested the Jewish center in Davenport. The man contacted them and he got information he needed. He replied to us with thanks, but no donation.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said that more renewals are coming in. We have 113 and Sally Bartosh picked up the mail and had two more renewals so we now have 115 members. 32 members did not reply to renew. 5 people said they won't renew. There was 1 death. There are about 38 non renewals. Ann reported on monthly attendance and overall we're meeting our goals for monthly meetings, Lunch and Learns and SIGS combined. Zoom tends to be a little higher attendance.

Old Business:

Rack Card: Julie Vogel said that she and Jay Matlock worked on this and added a QR code on the card and added it to our website. Vistaprint will print the brochures as glossy, premium paper. 100 for \$60.00, 250 for \$105.99. There was discussion about the wording. Judi McDowell asked if we're going to give these brochures to libraries and suggested that we order 250. Motion was made by Ann Noyce and seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried. These will be mailed to Jay Matlock. There was discussion about where we should keep the rack cards and we'll talk more at the April board meeting.

Goals: Julie Vogel said that the number 3 goal, Library Collection will be looked at. Deb Van Sant will look at the list of books for meeting topics. Deb will look at purchasing more up to date editions of some of our books. Judi McDowell suggested using our BLOG to highlight some of the books we have. Maybe highlight a few every other month or so. Julie suggested that any new additions to the library be posted on our BLOG and Facebook page.

Abby Sauer/East Moline Library: Julie Vogel read updates that Mary Karcher has been going back and forth with Abby Sauer about presenting a program for them. Suggested October with a three part presentation. Maybe 20 minutes each part. Mary will get with Abby in June to work on it. When the date gets closer we'll see who wants to help out.

New Business:

Bill Simmon Presentation: Jay Matlock has contacted him to set up a presentation for Saturday, April 20, 10:00 – 12:00. It will be on video editing. Julie Vogel said that she will contact him too and we will promote this. It will be via Zoom as Bill lives in Vermont. Julie will invite other genealogy societies.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday April 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General Meeting is Tuesday March 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Thomas MacEntee will present a program on “After Your Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:27 p.m. via Zoom. There were 30 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the February 27, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of February 1, 2024, \$1,679.82. Income of \$202.00. Expenses of \$446.78 for an ending balance as of 29 February, 2024, \$1,435.04. Interest on all accounts is \$108.18 and total assets are \$40,637.26. There was an audit done on the books from 1 January – December 31, 2023 by Nancy Licko.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg reported that the next Lunch and Learn is April 3, in person at the Butterworth Education Center starting at 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. The topic is Organizing Favorite Websites. The next SIG Writing Family History will be April 9, in person at the Butterworth Education Center starting at 1:00 p.m. till 2:30 p.m. Mary Karcher reported that there will be a Belgium SIG March 27 via Zoom.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday April 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Joshua Taylor will present a program on "Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Thomas MacEntee. His program is "After Your Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research."

The meeting adjourned at 7:33.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Jay Matlock, Mary Karcher, Pam Lawson, Judi McDowell, Linda Polich, Betty Hagberg, Kathy Elliott, Ann Noyce, Sally Bartosh and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance of \$1,435.04. Income of \$224.00. Expenses of \$1,024.38 for an ending balance as of 31 March 2024, \$634.66. Interest on all accounts is \$101.82 and total assets are \$39,942.84. This report will be filed for audit. There was discussion about the insurance. The cost has gone up. Our insurance is based on the number of members. Judi will check with them about the cost for next year.

Vice President: Jay Matlock had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she's monitoring emails. She is sending out emails for the meetings. Mary Karcher is sending out emails for the classes. Mary asked Ann Noyce for any new member emails so she can add them to her list. Sally Bartosh went to the mail box today and there was no mail.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said that our Zoom renewal is due the end of May. The cost is \$159.90 for 2 people. Julie and Mary Karcher are on the renewal. Julie emailed the Board with user information on our website. Julie has also been updating our website.

Education: Linda Polich said our Lunch & Learn on tips & tricks for organization went well. There was a SIG on writing this week and there was good discussion. We received an email from Susan Collins from the Midwest Writing Center about doing a class with them. We had done a class with them in 2013. Susan wants to do a joint writing class. We would provide an instructor. They would promote the class. Mary Karcher said that we are not here to teach you how to write. Linda couldn't remember if there was a charge for the class. There was discussion that we not get involved other than to let our members know about the class. Linda will respond to Susan and she will let us know what was said.

Fundraising: Linda Polich said that she's updated the letter and sent it to Julie Vogel. This letter will be mailed to the members. Linda Walker asked about the cost to print and mail these letters and forms to the members. She suggested that maybe we could email the letter and form to the

members to save us some money. The form can be mailed to John Deere and there is also a link to send payment. There was discussion and the Board decided to do this. Julie will email the letter and form to the members.

Historian: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Librarian: Julie Vogel said that Deb Van Sant had nothing to report.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg updated the publication for the old part of Calvary Cemetery in Rock Island. Julie Vogel added it to the website.

Queries and Research: Julie Vogel had a request for an obituary and she gave the person with the request the link for find it from The Dispatch Newspaper.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said we've added two new members this month. We are thirty members down from last year. We received one new member today. There was discussion about membership. During COVID membership went up a little. We usually see an increase by the end of the year. We had thirty people who did not respond to renew membership.

Old Business:

Oak Grove Cemetery: Betty Hagberg said that the walk from 1975 and 2012 on this cemetery has been added to our website. Deb Van Sant had questioned about a book that two guys did when they walked the cemetery in 2012 for our society. Betty said that she needs to look at the 1975 publication to see if there are any updates.

Rack Card: Julie Vogel said that Jay Matlock has received these and they are printed nicely. There was discussion about where to put them. Mary Karcher said that she will take some to the Family Search Center. Julie suggested having some at our April general meeting and Jay can hand them out. Judi McDowell asked how many we should take to the libraries. Betty Hagberg suggested that we sign up for which libraries we'll take them to. It was suggested to take 10 to the small libraries and 15-20 to the larger libraries. Jay said that he'll look up the local libraries and make a list which he'll have at the April general meeting.

Goals: Julie Vogel had updated the budget for the speakers. We have hybrid programs. The hospitality committee is still in place. There was discussion about meeting our goals for attendance and we're doing good.

William Simmon Presentation: Julie Vogel said that his program will be May 11 and she will advertise this. She'll send out a flyer about his free class. Let Julie know of anyone else that needs to be contacted for this program. Mary Karcher said the Family Search Center should be invited.

Abby Sauer/East Moline Library: Mary Karcher said that they will talk in June.

New Business:

Genealogy Class at Silvis Library: Betty Hagberg met with Anne Thomas from SCIGS to give her RICIGS brochures. Anne is presenting a genealogy program at the Silvis Library on April 12.

Jay Matlock sent Julie Vogel the email from Thomas MacEntee about the emails that he has sent about saving money to join Ancestry. It was decided that our society would not do anything about promoting this.

Mary Karcher said that the Archive Fair is October 26, 2024. There is a new director at the Family Search Center. Mary will send information to Julie Vogel to let our members know.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday May 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General Meeting is Tuesday April 23, 2024, 6:15 p.m. Zoom and group Zoom gathering at the Moline Public Library. Joshua Taylor will present a program on “Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes April 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:20 p.m. via Zoom & in person at the Moline Public Library. There were 25 attendees, 5 at the library.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel said that there will be a special virtual presentation on Saturday May 11, 10:00 a.m. to noon. William Simmon will present a program on "Show, Don't Tell: Using Video to Share Family Stories."

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the March 26, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of March 1, 2024, \$1,435.04. Income of \$224.00. Expenses of \$1,024.38 for an ending balance as of March 31, 2024, \$634.66. Interest on all accounts if \$101.82 and total assets are \$39,942.84.

Committee Reports: Education: The next Lunch & Learn will be May 1, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be Courthouse Research.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday May 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:15 p.m. in person at the Moline Public Library in the Bronze room. This will also be a Zoom meeting. Tina Beaird will present a program on "Military Records."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Joshua Taylor. His program is "Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies."

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Jay Matlock, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Deb Van Sant, Pam Lawson and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the April 11, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of April 1, 2024, \$634.66. Income of \$570.00. Expenses of \$728.41 for an ending balance as of April 30, 2024, \$476.25. Interest on all accounts is \$109.04 and total assets are \$39,389.33. This report will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Jay Matlock wants to find someone to help him set up programs for next year.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that Mary Karcher had received an email and the person wanted a criminal record from Rock Island County from 1866. Deb Van Sant suggested that they check the Daily Union Newspaper. Julie will send Deb the email and Deb will look for a newspaper article.

Mail: Sally Bartosh has been picking up the mail.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report. She will post photos for the Hampton Cemetery Section 6 to Find-A-Grave. It was suggested that these be posted to the Drop Box.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said that she emailed the board the statistics.

Education: Betty Hagberg said the next Lunch & Learn is June 5, 2024, in person at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be using family letters in genealogy and other issues that people want to talk about.

Fundraising: Julie Vogel said that an email was sent to the membership about Birdies. She'll send an email reminder.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on 2023 and 2024.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant said that she was at the library today. Donations were made and she thanked Judi McDowell. Deb said she'll go next week to the library and put the books on the shelves. Deb ordered and received the three Mayflower Index books. She also bought a book on organizing and was disappointed in this book.

Mailing: Julie Vogel said that she may have Kathy Elliott mail Birdies donation letters to thank those who donated.

Publications: Betty Hagberg had nothing to report.

Queries and Research: Julie Vogel said there was nothing to report.

Registrar: Julie Vogel said that Ann Noyce had emailed membership information to the Board. There are three new members and a total of 119 members.

Old Business:

Brochure/Rack Card: Julie Vogel said that Jay Matlock, Betty Hagberg, Sally Bartosh and Judi McDowell have taken these to local libraries.

William Simmon Presentation: Julie Vogel said his program will be May 11, 2024, via Zoom. So far 21 have registered. A PDF will be available. It will be a 45 minute powerpoint presentation and then a demo.

Goals: Julie Vogel said that goal number 5 is community outreach and that we are meeting this goal for the year.

New Business:

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said the date is October 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at the Credit Island Lodge in Davenport, IA. As it gets closer to the date, Julie will ask for volunteers. Jay Matlock said he will attend.

LeClaire Library: Jay Matlock said that the library wants us to do a presentation. Betty Hagberg said it's more about our resources that we offer. Our goal is to draw membership. Need to talk to Mary Karcher about this.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday June 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom due to a conflict in the president's schedule. The next General meeting is Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:15 p.m. in-person and Zoom at the Moline Public Library. Tina Beard will present a program on "Military Genealogy Online."

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:19 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. There were 25 attendees, 8 at the library.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the April 23, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion was made by Deb Donaldson and seconded by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of April 1, 2024, \$634.66. Income of \$570.00. Expenses of \$728.41 for an ending balance as of April 30, 2024, \$476.25. Interest on all accounts is \$109.04 and total assets are \$39,389.33.

Committee Reports: Education: The next Lunch & Learn will be June 5, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be using Family Letters in your genealogy and What's New With You. The next DNA SIG is June 18, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday June 20, 2024 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday June 25, 2024 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Mark Lowe will present a program on "Ready-Set-Plan Developing a One-Step Research Plan."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Tina Beard. Her program is "Military Genealogy Online."

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Jay Matlock, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Deb Van Sant, Ann Noyce, Mary Karcher and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the May 9, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of May 1, 2024, \$476.25. Income of \$537.00. Expenses of \$662.10 for an ending balance as of May 31, 2024 \$351.15. Interest on all accounts is \$106.00 and total assets are \$38,870.23. This report will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Jay Matlock talked about the speaker agreement and President Julie Vogel will revise the agreement for Zoom and in person.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails and everything looks good.

Mail: Linda Walker went to the Post Office this week and there were two items. She will continue to pick up the mail.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell said that when the weather gets cooler she will take photos of Hampton Cemetery and post the photos to Find A Grave.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel renewed the domain. She will send information to Treasurer Judi McDowell. Julie emailed the board the statistics. People are viewing our website, Facebook and YouTube. She is keeping our website up to date.

Education: Betty Hagberg said that at our June 5, 2024 Lunch & Learn there were 13 people in person at the Butterworth Education Center. There was a SIG on DNA via Zoom on June 18 and there were 6 people and good conversation. The next Lunch & Learn will be July 3, and it will be a show and tell in person. The next SIG Writing will be July 17, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in person.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on 2024.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant emailed the list of books to the Board that she has added to our collection. She received a box of pictures and she's talked to RICHS and they took the pictures of JI Case. The other pictures are in our collection.

Mailing: Julie Vogel reported that Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg reported that she has added Rock Island Memorial Park Cemetery to our website. The South Rock Island Township book has also been added to our website.

Queries and Research: Julie Vogel said that we've received messages about cemetery plots, which we don't work on. Deb Van Sant worked on a request and answered the person. She went to RICHS and the Rock Island Library looking for a newspaper that she couldn't find.

Registrar: Ann Noyce emailed the board the membership information. We had two new members.

Old Business:

Birdies for Charity: Julie Vogel said that she emailed a reminder to the membership.

William Simmon Presentation Report from May 11: Betty Hagberg has asked him for some information and he is helping her.

RICIGS Goals: Julie Vogel reviewed Goal 6, define skillsets of members and we did this in 2022 with the mentoring program. Goals 7, 8 about field trips, which we haven't been doing. Projects are ongoing and Julie will post the Goals in our Dropbox.

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said this will be Oct 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Credit Island Lodge in Davenport, IA. We'll ask for volunteers as it gets closer to the date. Jay Matlock said he will attend.

LeClaire Library: Jay Matlock said that they want a presentation, and he will talk to Mary Karcher about this. Mary asked if the LeClaire Library has asked Scott County Genealogical Society first. Mary asked Jay to send her the contact information. Mary will also follow up with the East Moline Library.

New Business:

Ed and Ruth Evans 70th Anniversary: The Board decided to give them a card and a \$70 HyVee gift card. Judi McDowell will present this to them at the next Lunch & Learn.

PayPal or Venmo: Julie Vogel talked to Judi McDowell about using these to pay the speakers. In February a speaker was given a check for \$100 that has not been cashed. It was suggested that Jay Matlock ask the speaker if they will accept PayPal or Venmo instead of a check. This needs to be added to the speaker agreement. The Board agreed that Treasurer Judi McDowell set up Venmo for us. Members then will be able to pay dues with PayPal or Venmo.

Funeral Home Records: Julie Vogel talked to Jared Vogeles at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island about funeral records for Hodgson, Knox-Larsen and DeRoo. He said that Runge has Hodgson's records. Trimble has Knox-Larsen records and Wendt has DeRoo records. Julie will call Whelan Pressley funeral home to see if they have any records from other funeral homes.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday July 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday June 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. J. Mark Lowe will present a program on “Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes June 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. There were 22 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone. She said that in the upcoming year, we are looking for someone willing to be Vice President/Program Director. Current Vice President Jay Matlock is ready to train and mentor on finding programs. Please contact us at info@ricigs.org for more information.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the May 28, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion was made by Betty Hagberg and seconded by Sandra Derenbecker. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of May 1, 2024, \$476.25. Income of \$537.00. Expenses of \$662.10 for an ending balance as of May 31, 2024, \$351.15. Interest on all accounts is \$106.00 and total assets are \$38,870.23.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg reported that the next Lunch & learn will be July 3, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. This will be show & tell. Show us an item and tell us the story about that item. The next SIG Writing will be July 17, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in person.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday July 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday July 23, 2024, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. Laura Kovarik will present a program "The Old College Try: Using College Archives in Genealogical Research."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, J. Mark Lowe. His program is "Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan." We'll have his program on our website for 30 days.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Jay Matlock, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Deb Van Sant, Linda Polich, Pam Lawson, Sally Bartosh, Jan McKenzie, Mary Karcher and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the June 20, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of June 1, 2024, \$351.15. Income of \$20.00. Expenses of \$270.89 for an ending balance as of June 30, 2024 \$100.26. Interest on all accounts is \$109.81 and total assets are \$38,749.15. This report will be filed for audit. There was discussion about using PayPal for the speakers. Deb Van Sant uses Zell. Is there a fee for us or for the person we pay. Julie will get with Judi about using PayPal and Venmo. We might have to pay a charge for PayPal.

Vice President: Jay Matlock said that he will contact Michael Lacopo because he hasn't cashed his check we gave him. Josh Taylor hasn't cashed his check either. Jay has been in contact with the July speaker, Laura Kovarik. Jay talked to Judi McDowell about gift cards for door prizes.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails and everything looks good.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she went to the Post Office today and there was no mail. She has given mail to Judi McDowell and Deb Van Sant.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said that she has paid the Domain renewal of \$12 and Zoom Admin fee \$18 at TechSoup. Julie emailed the board the statistics. There are new users on our website. People are viewing our Facebook page and watching the speaker programs on YouTube.

Education: Linda Polich said we had a Lunch & Learn last week. It was a show & tell and it went well. Had good stories. There will be a writing SIG July 17. The education committee had a lunch meeting and we are setting up a schedule for 2025. We are going to change the name to Education Events. The goal is to have one each month. Mary Karcher said that we came up with topic ideas for the General Meetings. Betty Hagberg will send this to Jay Matlock.

Fundraising: Linda Polich said that we had pledges and donations of \$835.00 for Birdies for Charity. Julie Vogel said that she will have Kathy Elliott mail out thank you letters.

Funeral Cards: Jan McKenzie had nothing to report.

Historian: Judi McDowell said that she is working on the 2024 history book.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant had nothing to report. Deb reported that NGS will give a 3 year subscription to Newspaper Archive if you sign up for a \$85 membership to NGS.

Publications: Betty Hagberg said that RICHS had called her because someone was trying to get ahold of Betty. They were trying to find information about a farm in Moline. Betty will check into this.

Queries and Research: We received an email that Deb Van Sant will look into. Mary Karcher had a query with 1 hour of research and she received a nice reply.

Registrar: Julie Vogel said that Ann Noyce emailed the membership trends. We currently have 121 members that have paid.

Old Business:

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said this will be Oct 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Credit Island Lodge in Davenport, IA. Jay Matlock and Mary Karcher will be there.

LeClaire Library: Jay Matlock said they want a presentation. He will send the information to Mary Karcher and she will check into it.

Ed and Ruth Evans 70th Anniversary: Julie Vogel thanked Judi McDowell for presenting them with a card and gift card from the society. They were pleased and surprised.

Funeral Home records for Hodgson, Knox-Larsen, DeRoo: Julie Vogel said she hasn't checked on this information yet. Deb Van Sant asked Jan McKenzie if she gets funeral cards from Whelan Pressley and Jan said yes she does. Mary Karcher said that she is putting funeral cards on the Belgian website.

Julie Vogel said that we will talk next month about officer positions for next year.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg said that the Clinton Public Library wants a class on DNA and Deb Van Sant said they also want one for DAR.

Betty Hagberg asked if we have contact information for Lorraine Hathaway. Linda Walker said her information is in our DAR yearbook.

Mary Karcher said that the Family Search Center will have in person programs on August 3, September 14 and October 12. All the classes start at 10: 30 a.m.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be August 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday July 23, 2024, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom and group Zoom at the Moline Public Library. Laura Kovarik will present a program on "The Old College Try: Using College Archives in Genealogical Research."

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes July 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:20 p.m. via Zoom and group Zoom at the Moline Public Library. There were 13 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the June 25, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion was made by Jan McKenzie to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of June 1, 2024, \$351.15. Income of \$20.00. Expenses of \$270.89 for an ending balance as of June 30, 2024 \$100.26. Interest on all accounts is \$109.81 and total assets are \$38,749.15.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg said that the next Lunch & Learn will be August 7, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be on Confirming Family Stories. August 20 there will be a SIG on DNA at 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday August 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday August 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m. viz Zoom. Jacquie Schattner will present a program "Explore US Church Records: Find Family."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Laura Kovarik. Her program is "The Old College Try: Using College Archives in Genealogical Research." We will have her program on our website for 30 days.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Deb Van Sant, Mary Karcher, Sally Bartosh, Kathy Elliott, Pam Lawson, Ann Noyce, Jan McKenzie and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported beginning balance as of July 1, 2024, \$100.26. Income of \$790.00. Expenses of \$592.23 for an ending balance as of July 31, 2024, \$298.03. Interest on all accounts is \$106.70 and total assets are \$38,543.62. This report will be filed for audit. Judi said we might run over for the speaker expenses, but we can use the Birdies money.

Vice President: Julie Vogel said that the speaker agreement has been updated. They added the speaker's email and how they want to be paid, either PayPal or Venmo. Julie and Judi McDowell looked at both and there is not much difference in their fee. At this point we'll just offer PayPal.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails. Starting in September there will be an option for new members to join for the rest of 2024 and this will also include 2025 membership.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she went to the mailbox and she has information to give to Deb Van Sant.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel said she emailed the Board the statistics. People are looking at our website, Facebook page and viewing the speaker programs on YouTube.

Education: Betty Hagberg said there was a Lunch & Learn yesterday and 7 people attended. There will be a DNA SIG August 20 in person at the Butterworth Education Center, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. On September 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be a Lunch & Learn in person and the topic will be on school records.

Fundraising: Julie Vogel said to let her know if anyone would like to take over this position.

Funeral Cards: Jan McKenzie had nothing to report.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on the 2024 history book.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant said that she ordered a book on Swedish research in June and they haven't cashed the check yet. She's waiting to receive the book.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott mailed out 24 thank you letters to those who contributed to Birdies.

Publications: Betty Hagberg is almost finished with putting all the cemeteries on the website. She'll have a report next month.

Queries and Research: Mary Karcher did research for Teresa Gannon, charged her for 1 hour and she did pay. Deb Van Sant worked on a query for Kevin Johnson and sent him information. Deb also found information for Jonathan Reeds.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said that we currently have 123 members, 2 new members and 1 returning member.

Old Business:

Birdies for Charity: Julie Vogel said that we received money from a few more people and there will be a report next month.

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said this will be Oct 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Credit Island Lodge in Davenport, IA. Jay Matlock and Mary Karcher will be there. Judi McDowell said she might be there too.

LeClaire Library wants a presentation: Mary Karcher is working on this. She said we should also add the East Moline Library for a presentation.

DNA Class for Clinton Library and ML DFA DAR: Betty Hagberg checked into this and she said she'll tell the Clinton Library that we won't give a DNA class. Deb Van Sant has agreed to give a DAR program in September or October.

Funeral home records for Hodgson, Knox-Larson, DeRoo: Julie Vogel contacted the director at Runge in Davenport, IA. They have Hodgson Funeral Home records. They are fine with us telling people that they can contact them for these records. Trimble Funeral Home has the records for Knox-Larson starting in 1860. They are fine with being contacted about these records. Wendt Funeral Home has the records for DeRoo. Julie will put this information on our website.

New Business:

ML DFA DAR Chapter Request: Julie Vogel and Judi McDowell talked about the local DAR Chapter using our Zoom account for their January Chapter meeting. Julie is an associate member and she can host the meeting. Julie Vogel made a motion that we let them use our Zoom account and it was seconded by Mary Karcher. Motion carried.

Annual Dinner-Committee Needed: Julie Vogel hasn't set a date yet. Ann Noyce said that she will put in a date of November 12 at Butterworth Center. Betty Hagberg had checked on this date and Butterworth is accepting dates for 2025. November 11, 2025 will be next years Annual

Dinner date. Betty said that she will call and set up this date for next year. Betty will be the speaker for the Annual Dinner on November 12, 2024.

2025 Nominating Committee/Nominations needed: Julie Vogel said that she will stay on as President. Judi McDowell will stay on as Treasurer. We need a Vice President, Recording Secretary and Librarian. We need a Member-At-Large. Let Julie know if you or if you know of anyone that would like to fill any of these positions.

Judi McDowell said that SIGS dropped off the banker box from our conferences. The bank account is closed. Judi asked what she should do with the box. It was recommended that she shred the registration forms and keep the tax records. She can get rid of the checking account records.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be September 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday August 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Jacquie Schattner will present a program on “Explore US Church Records: Find Family.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes August 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. There were 22 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary minutes from the July 23, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion was made by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of July 1, 2024, \$100.26. Income of \$790.00. Expenses of \$592.23 for an ending balance as of July 31, 2024, \$298.03. Interest on all accounts is \$106.70 and total assets are \$38,543.62.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg said there will be a Lunch & Learn September 4, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be on School Records.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday September 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday September 24, 2024, 6:15 p.m. in person at the Moline Public Library and on Zoom. Speaker Michael John Neil will present a program on "Deep Dive into Road Trips."

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Jacquie Schattner. Her program is "Explore US Church Records: Find Family." We will have her program on our website for 30 days.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Betty Hagberg, Linda Polich, Pam Lawson, Jay Matlock, Deb Van Sant, Mary Karcher, Ann Noyce, Kathy Elliott, Jan McKenzie, Sally Bartosh and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone. Julie said that Sandra Derenbecker might be the Vice President and that Jay Matlock will work with her.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the August 8, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Vogel said that Judi McDowell emailed her report. She reported beginning balance as of August 1, 2024, \$298.03. Income of \$85.00. Expenses of \$165.13 for an ending balance as of August 31, 2024, \$217.90. Interest on all accounts is \$110.65 and total assets are \$38,564.14. This report will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Jay Matlock said our October 22, 2024 general meeting will be about Family History Stories. There will be a time limit of 5 to 7 minutes. If anyone has any ideas or topics for programs for 2025, please let him know.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she's picking up mail and giving it to Deb Van Sant and Judi McDowell.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Julie Vogel said that Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel has emailed reports to the board. She has looked at Jetpak and how it monitors reports. She'll also look at Google analytics. People are looking at our website and our Facebook page and viewing the speaker programs on YouTube.

Education: Mary Karcher said our next Lunch & Learn is October 2, 2024 in person at the Butterworth Education Center. It will be a Make & Take of family cards to fill out. The education team met and attendance is declining. We'll probably lean towards meeting in person. We're talking about narrowing down the number of meetings. There was discussion of maybe having a spring and fall session, twice a year do a Zoom meeting. Suggested maybe doing evening or Saturday meetings. Julie Vogel did email the board Mary's letter about the education committee meeting suggestions.

Fundraising: Linda Polich said that we don't know the percentage we will receive from Birdies for Charity. Julie Vogel asked if we need a Fundraising Committee. Linda Polich suggested that we not participate in Birdies anymore. We've brought in over \$10,000 since 2013. Kathy Elliott

asked what are we saving the CDs for. Maybe we can use them for any short falls. It was decided that we put this on the agenda for the January and February board meetings and decide then.

Funeral Cards: Jan McKenzie said that she has a couple 100 cards. Mary Karcher will add them to the spreadsheet. Mary said that she's put around 500 cards on the Belgium Center's website and will link them to our website.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant had nothing to report. She said that Kathy Snyder is interested in helping.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg emailed the board about digitizing the cemetery records. They have been added to our website. There are 74 cemetery publications.

Queries & Research: Julie Vogel said there hasn't been much in the last month. There was one request for a record from the East Moline State Hospital and Julie answered this and told them how to obtain a death certificate.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said we currently have 126 members, with 3 new members.

Old Business:

Birdies for Charity: Julie Vogel said that we have about \$900.

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said that she received the form to fill out. Jay Matlock will be there and so will Judi McDowell. Mary Karcher will be there for the Belgium Center. Jay said that he'll bring his laptop to show people our website. The date is October 26 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Credit Island Lodge in Davenport, IA.

East Moline Library & LeClaire Presentation: Mary Karcher said that she is working on these.

Annual Dinner: Sally Bartosh said that this will be a buffet dinner from the Milan HyVee. There will be 2 meats, 2 vegetables, 2 salads, dinner rolls and apple crisp. Julie Vogel said that she has the flyer and she will email this to the membership. The cost is \$22.00 per person. Cost is \$18.00 for the meal per person. There will be water, coffee and ice tea.

2025 Officers & Committee Nominations: Julie said that Sally Bartosh said she will take over as Recording Secretary. Deb Van Sant will be the new Member-At-Large till 2027.

New Business:

Annual Dinner 2025: Betty Hagberg said that next years Annual Dinner will be November 11, 2025 and it's confirmed.

Program Frequency & Ideas: Julie Vogel said that Jay Matlock is concerned about attendance. We need to interface with the education committee so we don't have duplicate programs. There was discussions about attendance from past years for our monthly meetings. It was decided that we will continue as is for next year. There was discussion about the possibility of going to Ft. Wayne Public Library next year. People have asked about a field trip. Julie asked Jay to check about us going to the Sloan Collection at the Davenport IA library.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be October 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday September 24, 2024, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. John Michael Neill will present a program on "Deep Dive Into Road Trips."

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:23 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. There were 23 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone. Julie announced that our Annual Dinner will be November 12, 2024 at the Butterworth Center. She will send out an email to the members and there will also be a link on our website where you can pay. We need reservations by October 20, 2024.

Recording Secretary: The secretary minutes from the August 27, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Laura Reich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of August 1, 2024, \$298.03. Income of \$85.00. Expenses of \$165.13 for an ending balance as of August 31, 2024, \$217.90. Interest on all accounts is \$110.65 and total assets are \$38,564.14.

Committee Reports: Education: Mary Karcher said there will be a Lunch & Learn October 2, 2024 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in person at the Butterworth Education Center. This will be a Make & Take of family cards to fill out.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is Thursday October 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday October 22, 2024, 6:15 p.m. in person at Moline Public Library and on Zoom. Presentations by RICIGS members on "Family History Stories". We ask that you limit your presentation to 5-6 minutes.

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock introduced our speaker, Michael John Neill. His program is "Deep Dive into Road Trips."

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Betty Hagberg, Linda Polich, Jay Matlock, Deb Van Sant, Mary Karcher, Ann Noyce, Kathy Elliott, Sally Bartosch, Judi McDowell, Sandra Derenbecker and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone and she welcomed Sandra Derenbecker to the Board.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ann Noyce. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of September 1, 2024, \$217.90. Income of \$736.00. Expenses of \$274.43 for an ending balance as of September 30, 2024, \$679.47. Interest on all accounts is \$111.05 and total assets are \$38,636.76. This report will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Jay Matlock said that he's sent a list of ideas and speakers to Sandra Derenbecker. They will contact speakers for available dates. Jay said that Special Collections remodeling at the Davenport Public Library will not be completed until next year. Maybe we can plan a trip to visit next year.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she's picking up mail and will be giving it to Deb Van Sant and Judi McDowell.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell had nothing to report.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel has emailed reports to the board. We are now using Jetpak and she gave an overview.

Education: Linda Polich said that Mary Karcher has sent out an email to the Board. If there are any suggestions about classes to let the education committee know. There will be a Zoom meeting October 16 on Family History. October 2 there was a Make & Take class in person and there was good discussions. The education committee will be meeting soon to determine how many classes next year and which ones will be in person and which ones will be via Zoom.

Fundraising: Linda Polich said that from Birdies for Charity we received a check for \$835.00 and a bonus check for \$66.80. Since 2015 our society has received over \$10,000.00. Julie Vogel said that we will be addressing this committee in January 2025.

Funeral Cards: Mary Karcher said that she and Jan McKenzie have added more cards to our website. Jan McKenzie had a stroke and Kathy Elliott will mail her a card from the society.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on the 2024 book.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant had nothing to report.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg has received the 1942 death certificate transcriptions from IL state. Mary Karcher said that the Family Search library in Davenport has these up to 1940. Julie Vogel asked Mary if she would write up some information about what's at the Family Search library. Liz Casillias has donated obituary books to their library. These are also on our website. Julie will also look at Dropbox for any obituaries.

Queries & Research: Julie Vogel said that we received a query in September for a 1939 death record. She answered the person and told them how to place an order to receive this record.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said that we've had two new members for a total of 128 members.

Old Business:

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Julie Vogel said this will be October 26 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jay Matlock and Judi McDowell will be there. Mary Karcher will also be there for the Belgium Center.

East Moline Library & LeClaire Presentation: Mary Karcher is working on this.

Annual Dinner: Sally Bartosch said that we have 27 reservations and she will contact HyVee with a final count when the reservation deadline is met.

2025 Officers: Julie Vogel said that the slate of officers for 2025 will be voted on at the October 22, 2024 general meeting. The slate of officers are: President-Julie Vogel, Vice President-Sandra Derenbecker, Recording Secretary-Sally Bartosh, Treasurer-Judi McDowell. The Members-At-Large are Deb Van Sant, Mary Karcher and Pam Lawson. These officers will be installed at the Annual Dinner November 12, 2024. If any officers can't make the Annual Dinner, they will be installed at the November 14, 2024 Board meeting.

New Business: Julie Vogel asked if we should continue to keep hard copies of the meeting minutes in the file cabinet at RICHS. Julie said that they are on Dropbox from 2013 to the present. Deb Van Sant said that we have two, four drawer file cabinets. There was discussion and it was decided that we need to keep the minutes. Julie suggested that if someone wants to scan them from 1972 on and put them in Dropbox to let her know.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday October 22, 2024, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. Members will present "Family History Stories."

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes October 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:20 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Moline Public Library. There were 21 attendees.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary: The secretary minutes from the September 24, 2024 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of September 1, 2024, \$217.90. Income of \$736.00. Expenses of \$274.43 for an ending balance as of September 30, 2024, \$679.47. Interest on all accounts is \$111.05 and total assets are \$38,636.76.

Vote for 2025 Officers: The proposed slate of officers for 2025 are: President-Julie Vogel, Vice President-Sandra Derenbecker, Recording Secretary-Sally Bartosh, Treasurer-Judi McDowell, Member-At-Large 2025-Ann Noyce, Member-At-Large 2026-Pam Lawson, Member-At-Large 2027-Deb Van Sant. Motion was made by Kathy Elliott to approve this slate of officers. Seconded by Linda Walker. Motion carried. These officers will be installed at the November 12, 2024 Annual Dinner.

Committee Reports: Education: Betty Hagberg said that there was a writing class last week. The committee will be meeting tomorrow to work on the 2025 classes.

Announcements: Reservations are now closed for the Annual Dinner November 12, 2024 at the Butterworth Center. Betty Hagberg will present the program "Why is the Son of Charles Dickens Buried in Moline? A Tale of Local and Family History." The next board meeting will be Thursday November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Tonight's Program: Jay Matlock said that tonight's program is "Family History Stories" presented by our RICIGS members. There were some very interesting stories told by our members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker

Recording Secretary

2024 RICIGS Annual Meeting Minutes

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Attendees proceeded to the Butterworth library to enjoy an excellent multi-media presentation by member Betty Hagberg, "Why is the Son of Charles Dickens Buried in Moline? A Tale of Local and Family History."

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Kathy Elliott then installed the following officers for the coming year.

President: Julie Vogel

Secretary: Sally Bartosh

Treasurer: Judi McDowell

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President Vogel thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Vogel

RICIGS President

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President Vogel thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Vogel
RICIGS President

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Deb San Sant, Mary Karcher, Ann Noyce, Kathy Elliott, Sally Bartosh, Judi McDowell, Sandra Derenbecker, Kathy Snyder, Pam Lawson and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone and she welcomed Kathy Snyder to the Board.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the October 10, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judy McDowell reported a beginning balance as of October 1, 2024, \$679.47. Income of \$1,888.29. Expenses of \$923.38 for an ending balance as of October 31, 2024, \$1,644.38. Interest on all accounts is \$110.38 and total assets are \$30,237.64. This report will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Jay Matlock and Sandra Derenbecker are working on a checklist and going to be working on agreements with the speakers. The August 2025 meeting will be at the Davenport Library in their special collections area. They are not open on Tuesday, so we'll be attending on a Monday. There will be more to discuss at the January 2025 Board meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails. She sent out the renewal notices for our society dues via email.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she is checking the mailbox and will be sending the renewal dues forms to Ann Noyce and the checks to Judi McDowell.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell said that someone asked for information on the Reynolds Cemetery. It was suggested that they contact Orin Rockhold.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel renewed Dropbox for another year. The cost is \$171.06. She emailed reports to the board. YouTube views on our website for speaker recordings, Facebook results and other views on our website.

Education: Betty Hagberg had nothing to report. She thanked Linda Polich for putting together our bookmarkers that list our meetings.

Fundraising: Julie Vogel said that we will be addressing this committee in January 2025.

Funeral Cards: Mary Karcher has updated this information to our website.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on 2024.

Librarian: Deb Van Sant has turned over everything to Kathy Snyder. Kathy spent time today at RICHS and looked at the information that's on our shelves. She is using CLZ Books as the software to make up a spreadsheet. We have over 3000 books in our collection. Kathy gave us a demonstration of how to use the software to view what we have. The cost is \$39.95 a year. Julie Vogel made a motion that we use this software. Seconded by Deb Van Sant. Motion carried. There is still money in our budget for the library. Deb and Kathy will talk about buying some more books.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott had nothing to report.

Publications: Betty Hagberg had nothing to report.

Queries & Research: Julie Vogel said that she answered a couple queries. Deb Van Sant had a query for information on a person from the early 1850's. She found deeds from the county recorder's office. The person paid for 3 hours of research.

Registrar: Ann Noyce emailed reports to the board. We currently have 130 members. We are starting to get renewals. At the end of December she will finalize the total count of our membership for the year.

Old Business:

Birdies for Charity: Julie Vogel said that Linda Polich picked up our check and we received \$835.00 with a bonus of \$66.80 for a total of \$901.80. From 2013-2024 we received \$10,921.50.

Quad Cities Archive Fair: Jay Matlock and Judi McDowell said they were not impressed with the venue. There didn't seem to be a lot of people who attended. Around 15 to 20 people stopped by and talked to them.

LeClaire Library & East Moline Library Presentations: Mary Karcher said that the LeClaire Library wants training on Proquest Software, which we don't do. Mary said that she will talk to them again and suggest that they contact the Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society. Mary has not heard back from the East Moline Library.

Annual Dinner: Sally Bartosh reported that everything went well. We had 40 reservations at \$22.00 per person, for a total of \$880.00. Total expenses \$831.98, profit \$48.02. Sally asked if we could reimburse Marilyn Mix, since she couldn't attend and had paid. Sally made a motion that we pay Marilyn \$22.00. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried. Judi McDowell will send Marilyn a check and a thinking of you card. Julie Vogel asked Kathy to send a get well card to Marilyn. Julie thanked Sally and her husband Gene.

2025 Officers: Julie Vogel said that the slate of officers were approved at the October General Meeting and the officers were installed at the Annual Dinner. Julie asked Kathy Elliott to install Sandra Derenbecker as Vice President and Ann Noyce as Member-At-Large 2025.

Status of Hard Copy files: Julie Vogel said that the secretary minutes, treasurer reports, audits, etc., need to be kept. Judi McDowell is working on scanning them and putting them in Dropbox.

New Business:

NSDU Col. William Hoffman Chapter Request: Julie Vogel had talked to Chapter Regent Kitty Humphrey about using our Zoom account for their January 2025 Chapter meeting. Julie made a motion to accept this request. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried.

Banner: Jay Matlock asked Mary Karcher to show us the Belgium Center's banner. It's 6 feet tall. Vista Print made it. We can get a 20% to 25% discount first time buy. It has a case and a stand. It's like a pull down map and rolls down into the base. Cost is \$96.75 with discount. Our other banner is heavy and hard to attach to tables. Julie will put this on the Agenda for the January and February Board meetings and we'll talk more about it.

Nametags & Clothing: Jay Matlock said that the company we were using has changed ownership and they won't make anymore nametags. Jay will do some research and report at the February 2025 Board meeting. The clothing should still be available.

Collaborate with SCIGS for Communiversity in Feb: Jay Matlock and Judi McDowell talked to someone from SCIGS at the Archive Fair about this. There are 4 Sundays in February 2025 that they talk about different subjects. Julie Vogel suggested maybe an education group. Something on genealogy. People would sign up for the 4 weeks. Judi said if we do beginning genealogy, we would partner with SCIGS and they would teach 2 weeks and we'd teach 2 weeks. Betty Hagberg said the Education Committee can talk about this. The contact at SCIGS is Ann Thomas. You do have to pay a registration fee.

Combine Annual Dinner meeting with SCIGS: Judi McDowell suggested that maybe we could do a Saturday afternoon luncheon with a speaker. Or maybe a picnic, or a combined meeting.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General Meeting is Tuesday January 28, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Vogel at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Jay Matlock, Sandra Derenbecker, Judi McDowell, Kathy Elliott, Ann Noyce, Sally Bartosh, Mary Karcher, Kathy Snyder and Linda Walker.

President's Comments: Julie Vogel welcomed everyone and thanked all the officers and committees for their great work that has been accomplished this year.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported a beginning balance as of November 1, 2024, \$1,644.38. Income of \$1,415.80. Expenses of \$134.36 for an ending balance as of November 30, 2024, \$2,925.82. Interest on all accounts is \$125.52 and total assets are \$40,042.72. This report will be filed for audit. Judi sent the refund check to Marilyn Mix.

Vice President: Jay Matlock reported that all speaker agreements have been returned, except for Josh Taylor. Jay hasn't finalized the date for next year with the Special Collections at the Davenport, Iowa Library. They've moved the Special Collections to the second floor. We'll probably go there in August 2025. Jay will send files information to Julie and she'll add them to Dropbox. Julie will zoom with Jay and Sandra to instruct them on how to use Dropbox.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Vogel said that she is monitoring the emails. We are receiving membership renewals.

Mailbox: Linda Walker said that she is checking the mailbox and sending renewal forms to Ann Noyce and the checks to Judi McDowell. Linda will continue to pick up the mail in 2025 and Sally Bartosh will also have a key to the mailbox.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries: Judi McDowell and Julie Vogel will look at the cemetery information on our website. Maybe next year Julie can send information out to the members and see who would like to walk cemeteries in Rock Island County and take photos. Maybe a group of people can work together.

Digital Technology: Julie Vogel emailed the report to the Board.

Education: On January 9, 2025, there will be a Zoom class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on New Year, New Start.

Fundraising: Julie Vogel said that we'll address this committee at the January 2025 Board meeting.

Historian: Judi McDowell is working on 2024.

Librarian: Kathy Snyder said that she has changed the library information for the website. She will be looking at buying some books from series that we want to add to our library collection. Kathy said that we are using Webservices and we got four months free. We should receive a bill in April 2025.

Mailing: Kathy Elliott sent a get well card to Marilyn Mix. She sent out Life Membership certificates and letters to contributing members.

Queries & Research: Julie Vogel said that Deb Van Sant replied to a query.

Registrar: Ann Noyce said that the 2024 totals are the same as last month. She'll finalize the totals at the end of the year.

Old Business:

LeClaire Library & East Moline Library Presentations: Mary Karcher had nothing to report.

Status of Hard Copy Files: Judi McDowell is scanning the 1987-1991 files of minutes and treasurer reports.

Nametags & Clothing: Jay Matlock had nothing new to report. Same as last month.

Collaborate with SCIGS for Communiversity in Feb 2025: Julie Vogel said that Betty Hagberg spoke to Ann Thomas from SCIGS about partnering with them on beginning genealogy in February 2026. Betty said the education team will talk about this the next time they meet.

Banner: Julie Vogel said that we'll talk about this at the February board meeting.

Combine Annual Dinner meeting with SCIGS: Julie Vogel said that we'll talk about this at the February board meeting.

New Business: Mary Karcher said that the Belgian Center is moving to RICHS. All of their books are at RICHS. Mary is working on the move. Kathy Snyder will talk with Mary to see if there are any books that need to be bought for our library.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be January 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next General meeting is Tuesday January 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Kat Penney Howard will speak on "Squeezing Out All the Info for Your DNA Matches."

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walker, Recording Secretary

Board Meetings 2024

January – meeting held on Zoom

February – meeting held on Zoom

March – meeting held on Zoom

April – meeting held on Zoom

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 2024

January – meeting held on Zoom

February – meeting held on Zoom

March – meeting held on Zoom

April – meeting held on Zoom

May – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

June – meeting held on Zoom

July – meeting held on Zoom

August – meeting held on Zoom

September – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

October - hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

November – Annual dinner held at Butterworth Center, Moline

December – no meeting