

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher, Sally Bartosh.

President's Comments: Ann wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to the 50th Anniversary celebration for RICIGS.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from December 9, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Mary Gardner-Karcher to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$341.00 and expenses of \$291.66. The checkbook balance is \$4,484.05 as of December 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$27.42 and total cash assets are \$39,560.42. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Judi reviewed the financial summary for 2021. There was a profit of \$1,045.54. She pointed out that there was a total of \$53.40 from Amazon Smiles and an increase of PayPal usage. She also reviewed a five-year trend report.

The proposed budget was reviewed by the Board. There may be a need for additional money for hosting services, but the amount is not known at this time. Jay Matlock made a motion to approve the proposed budget and address the cost for hosting services at a future meeting. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Jay said he would contact Jerry Viernow to perform our annual audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she has been monitoring membership renewals and emails and responding as needed. There were no new queries. There are three additional contributing memberships. Julie mailed letters to those members. There are now a total of nine contributing memberships for 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 221 users visited the society website during December. The top three areas visited were *Cemetery Records, Library Collections and Membership*. She also reviewed Facebook statistics. Julie asked that each of us check the website to verify links and information and report any errors to her.

Conference – Judi reported the virtual conference will be held on April 23, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Judy Russell will conduct two one-hour sessions. The cost to attend will be determined later. Judy Russell's fee is \$600. We will ask SCIGS to cover half and invite their membership at the member fee.

Julie will set up our website for payments; either PayPal or print form to mail check. The committee will contact vendors for door prize donations. Our Zoom account allows up to 100 people, but we could increase that if necessary. There will be a link emailed to conference attendees of recordings that will be available for 30 days.

Education – Linda reported the first SIGs (DNA) will be on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. The first Lunch and Learn will be January 26, 2022. The L&L will be Zoom only for January, February, March, September, and October. They will be in-person only for April, May, June, July and August.

The Moline Public Library has a DNA class scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2022. The library will do the marketing and take care of registrations. We will bring handouts and brochures. There will also be a class titled "What's in the Box" in the fall. The committee will develop a training session for that.

Linda asked each instructor to draft a new article for the "Let's Explore" Training Series on the website during 2022.

Fundraising – Nothing to report.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Linda discussed the goals update that was emailed to board members. We will review goals at the monthly board meetings. She will send out a summary of the goals to the membership.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Nothing to report.

NGS –Deb informed the Board the NGS Conference will be May 24-28, 2022, in Sacramento. She said the society can get member pricing up to three members when attending in person. NGS is also offering the conference online, as well as “On Demand”.

The Forum has been launched for member delegates to pose questions. Deb, as our delegate asked two questions to them: 1) Have other societies experienced an increase or decrease in attendance with virtual meetings? The answer was an increase. 2) She asked about record retention. It was suggested we check with our respective state for retention guidelines for non-profits.

Publications – Betty reported Volume 41 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union January-June 1878. Work is continuing with the volumes that Janet Pease, Deb and Julie have been working on. Betty also added 3 cemeteries to the website from Canoe Creek and Coe Township. She obtained Volume 5 of the cemetery books from RICHS.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Nothing to report.

Registrar – Marilyn reported we have 116 renewals and 14 life members. There are 26 outstanding renewals. Julie will connect with Marilyn at the end of January and contact those that have not yet renewed at that time.

Vice President – Jay reported he will continue to put program announcements on Facebook. The consensus is that Jay can sign speaker contracts on behalf of RICIGS without additional review. Jay will get a list of speaker and program suggestions uploaded to Dropbox.

OLD BUSINESS

50th Anniversary Committee: Linda is working on the member appreciation event at the QC Botanical Center scheduled July 17, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. It will be free to members and a guest.

At the beginning of each general meeting, the committee will highlight interesting things from the past 50 years of RICIGS. They will also ask members to share favorite genealogy tips. After discussion, it was decided to obtain a \$15 gift card for each general meeting and have a drawing for those that are present. Jay will attempt to locate someone who can put our logo on the tablecloth.

Brochure Revisions: Deb reported that there are about 500 brochures dated January 2020 at RICHS. Linda has about 200 brochures. If there are not any major changes, we will use these brochures before printing new ones. The online brochure will be updated at this time.

Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Audio Committee: Judi McDowell made a motion to purchase a professional grade lavalier microphone for the RICIGS PA system. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Deb reported we have two 4-drawer file cabinets with empty drawers in the basement at RICHS that we can store the paper copies of secretary and treasurer documents.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Lisa Louise Cooke will present a program on “How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod
Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes January 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 37 attendees on Zoom. Jay introduced the speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke, who presented the program, "How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth".

President's Comments: Ann welcomed everyone to a new year as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the society. She shared that there are a lot of fun activities being planned for the year.

Society Highlights: In recognition of our society's milestone anniversary, at each general meeting this year we will be presenting highlights of events that have taken place over the past 50 years. Today's highlights recognized the day the society was formed, Tuesday, September 26, 1972. The first meeting was held at the Moline Public Library.

Sharing Family History: Several members shared their experience locating children that may possibly be missing within large gaps between births.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the October 26, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Jan McKenzie to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sally Bartosch. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Judi reported income of \$341.00 and expenses of \$291.66. The checkbook balance is \$4,484.05 as of December 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$27.42 and total cash assets are \$39,560.42. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Conference – Judi reported there will be a mini virtual conference via Zoom on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9am to 12pm. There will be two sessions presented by Judy Russell, "Putting Those Records to Work" and "Where There Is or Isn't a Will". Cost will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. There will also be door prizes. Registration will be on the RICIGS website, you can pay either by PayPal or print a form and mail a check.

Education – The first Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion "Using DNA for Your Family History" was on January 19th. Betty reported there were 20 participants that included some beginners and some that had more experience. The next session will be in May, and likely divided into two groups to benefit all participants. The next SIG discussion will be February 16th "Writing and Sharing Your Family History."

The first Lunch and Learn will be tomorrow, Wednesday, January 26th, from 11:30 – 1, "Clubs and Organizations Your Ancestors May Have Joined."

Vice President – Jay reported there were favorable responses about the Annual Dinner and bagpipe presentation. He also reminded everyone to complete the Satisfaction Survey.

New Business

Linda asked everyone to save the date of Sunday, July 17, 2022, from 1-3 pm. There will be a Member Appreciation event at the Quad City Botanical Center. Each member plus one guest will be invited to attend.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Thomas MacEntee will present a program on "The 1950 Census: Are You Ready?" There will be no business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher, and Sally Bartosh.

President's Comments: Ann read a letter from Connie Shaver regarding the death of her father, Board Member Shay Elliott. Several board members shared memories of Shay in honor of his legacy with the society, and as a friend.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from January 13, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board, and had one correction. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the "corrected" minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$397.00 and expenses of \$416.87. The checkbook balance is \$4,464.18 as of January 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$28.37 and total cash assets are \$39,744.34. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. She also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported via email that she has been monitoring email, membership renewals and conference registrations. She also emailed renewal reminders to members who have not renewed, reminding them we value their membership, but will inactivate their members-only login at the end of February if they do not renew.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports to the Board. A total of 335 users visited the society website during January. The top three areas visited were *Newspaper Abstracts, Education Events and Virtual Conference*. She also provided a report with Facebook statistics.

Julie updated the website with February meetings and added the virtual conference. She emailed information to RICIGS and SCIGS members.

The Board discussed upgrading the website hosting on BlueHost to the top level, and renewing JetPack (spam blocker) through BlueHost, at a cost of \$279 a year. Betty made a motion to approve the BlueHost upgrade and JetPack renewal for \$279 a year. Jay Matlock seconded. Motion carried.

Conference – Judi reported there are a total of 20 registrations so far: 15 RICIGS members and 5 non-members.

Education – Betty reported on the first "DNA" SIG that took place on January 19th. There were 20 attendees with varied levels of experience. Mary will help Betty work out the next steps to help attendees at all levels get the most out of this SIG topic. The next SIG meeting will be on February 16th, on the topic "Writing Your Family History."

Linda reported there were 23 members that attended the January 26th L&L. It was a good discussion on "Clubs & Organizations. The next L&L will be on February 23rd with the topic "Using Facebook & Blogs for Your Research."

Betty reported we are partnering with Moline Public Library presenting a session on DNA on Saturday, March 12th. She will pass the information to Julie so that we can inform the membership. There will only be 20 slots available and will not be presented via Zoom.

Mary reported there will be a presentation on German Research at the Family History Center on Saturday March 12th.

Fundraising – Linda reported the John Deere Classic Birdies kickoff is April 4th. Pledge forms are available for download from their website. She will obtain labels from Kathy and prepare the Birdies mailing in March.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Linda reported that she will send out a summary of the goals to the membership.

Historian – Ronna reported she finished scanning Volume 10 of the historical binders and will upload to DropBox.

Librarian – Nothing to report.

NGS – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty reported Volume 42 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union July-December 1878. There were also three cemeteries added to the website from Coe Township.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Mary did research for one query and received a fee of \$40.

Registrar – Marilyn reported we have 122 renewals and 14 life members. There are 23 outstanding renewals. She will send cards to those that don't renew before the end of February.

Vice President – Jay reviewed the list of program topics he has gathered. He also reviewed the program ratings for the January general meeting. It was decided that monthly programs would be targeted primarily for genealogy topics rather than local history topics. Subjects that would be beneficial to small groups could possibly be future SIG topics.

OLD BUSINESS

50th Anniversary Committee: Linda signed the contract with QC Botanical Center for the July 17th Member Appreciation Reception. The rental cost was \$106.25 (discounted with W9 form). She will meet with Bridges Catering in mid-March.

50th Anniversary & Standard RICIGS Poster: There will be two poster versions made; one for the 50th Anniversary and one standard with the RICIGS logo. Motion made by Betty Hagberg to approve a 50th Anniversary poster (18x24) for \$35 and a standard RICIGS poster (11x17) for \$15. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Jay discussed the options with PowerGraphX putting our logo on a tablecloth, but it would mean our existing tablecloth would not be used. After a Board discussion, it was decided to try to use our existing white tablecloth, if possible, and to have it done before July in time for the Member Appreciation Reception. Jay will work on this with other board members and bring more information back to the Board.

Brochure Revisions: Motion made by Mary Gardner-Karcher to approve the revised brochure emailed to the Board. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Deb reported she received the newspaper abstracts from the 1881 Moline Dispatch from Janet Pease for editing.

Mary and Sally met to discuss the survey. They thought it would be beneficial to speak to people one-on-one as they enter the general meetings rather than just sending out a survey. Mary will email questions to the Board for review. Will discuss emailing the survey when Julie is present.

NEW BUSINESS:

RICIGS participation in 1950 Census Community Project: Mary explained how volunteers would work with FamilySearch and Ancestry upon the release of the 1950 Census in April, to help ensure the index is complete and accurate. A motion was made by Judi McDowell to select Mary Karcher to sign up our organization to join the project and be the point of contact. Marilyn Mix seconded. Motion carried.

Ann reviewed the revised Butterworth Public Use Policy. They will begin allowing community groups to raise money within their primary membership while conducting business meetings at a Butterworth facility. This includes selling books and media for a speaker, silent auctions or selling other items to support the organization if it is among membership. In 2023, they will offer a limited number of paid rental reservations to non-profits for public fundraising events.

The Board will purchase a book in memory of Shay Elliott, our friend and board member who passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Thomas MacEntee will present a program on "The 1950 Census: Are You Ready?"

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Board Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Mary Gardner-Karcher, and Sally Bartosh.

President's Comments: None

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from February 10, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$642.00 and expenses of \$363.14. The checkbook balance is \$4,743.04 as of February 28, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$28.38 and total cash assets are \$39,876.16. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. She also reviewed the year-to-date budget. Jerry Viernow completed an audit and will be providing a report to the Board.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported that she has been monitoring email, membership renewals and conference registrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports to the Board. A total of 362 users visited the society website during February. The top three areas visited were *Virtual Conference, Education Events and Obituary Index*. She also provided a report with Facebook statistics.

She is working on the transition with Blue Host. She also ordered the posters approved for purchase last month and they will be delivered to Ann.

Conference – Judi reported there are a total of 30 registrations. SCIGS would like another email reminder to send to their membership. She is still trying to obtain give aways and welcomes any suggestions.

Education – Linda reported via email that there was good discussions with the 12 participants at the first Writing SIG session on February 16, 2022, as well as the 23 participants at the February Lunch & Learn.

Betty reported there are 12 registered for the DNA class at Moline Public Library on March 12th. She will be taking brochures with her to promote membership to RICIGS.

Fundraising – Nothing to report.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb reported that societies were requesting who would be interested in swapping speakers with each other on the Forum. Our society decided it does not have an interest at this time.

Publications – Betty reported Volume 43 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union Jan-Jun 1879. She also reported cemetery records added to the website this month include Cordova Township Cemetery, and Zuma Township cemeteries: 1) Mount Pleasant, 2) Schafer, 3) Rose Hill-Sturdivan and 4) Zuma Center. Deb and Julie are working on the next two volumes of abstracts.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Julie did research for one person and Mary retrieved a death certificate for another person.

Registrar – Julie reported we have 122 renewals and 14 life members. She will inactivate website access for members that do not renew their membership by March 31, 2022.

Vice President – In Jay’s absence, Ann reported Thomas MacEntee had 15 survey responses.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey questions for Knowing Our Members – The Board discussed the sample questions presented via email by Mary. The Board concurred with the questions and would like the Members At Large to begin the “ice breaker” questions at the next in-person General Meeting in April. The Board will discuss the information obtained from these questions to help us move forward with our goal planning. We still need to determine whether we want to send out a survey via email to reach out to the members that do not attend the General Meetings in-person.

Memorial for Shay – In honor of Shay Elliott, Julie made a motion to allocate \$100 to buy books for the society in memory of Shay. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

1950 Census – Mary shared information regarding RICIGS members participating with the verification of census data when it is released on the NARA and Family Search websites on April 1st. She would like to teach a “how to” for researching in the 1950 census at a “Lunch and Learn” type of meeting, possibly at Butterworth, in April. She will contact Linda to discuss further.

Logo on Tablecloth by PowerGraphX – Due to Jay’s absence, this item will be moved to next month’s agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Privacy Policy – Deb inquired about a privacy policy on our website. Julie advised the Board that a policy was developed in 2018. The Board can review the existing policy and submit any change request to Julie for review by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 14, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Devon Noel Lee will present a program on “Five Simple Steps to Writing the Story of You.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes March 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 29 attendees on Zoom. Jay introduced the speaker, Devon Noel Lee, who presented a program on “Five Simple Steps to Writing the Story of You.”

President’s Comments: Ann welcomed everyone and thanked those in attendance for joining the session.

Society Highlights: Linda shared the history of conferences RICIGS has hosted. The first one was a shared conference with SCIGS in 1975. The Society co-sponsored the FGS National Conference the week of 9/11, which was very challenging but successful. There have been several nationally known speakers and vendors. The conference has not been held the past two years due to the pandemic, however this year we will have a half-day virtual conference and hope to get back on track with this long-standing tradition. Members shared memories of past conferences they have attended.

Sharing Family History: Several members shared their family research stories.

Recording Secretary: The secretary’s minutes from the January 25, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Laura Reich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried. Note: There was not a business meeting in February 2022.

Treasurer’s Report: Judi reported income of \$642.00 and expenses of \$363.14. The checkbook balance is \$4,743.04 as of February 28, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$28.38 and total cash assets are \$39,876.16. The Treasurer’s report was filed for audit

Committee Reports:

Conference – Judi reported there are 42 attendees registered. She has locked in several door prizes with donations from Lisa Louise Cooke, Roots Magic, and My Heritage. She reminded everyone that the conference will be held on April 23, 2022.

Education – Linda reported there was good discussion with the 12 participants at the first Writing SIG session on February 16, 2022. There were 23 participants at the February Lunch & Learn session, “Using Facebook for Research”. The next Lunch & Learn will be March 23rd at 11:30 with the topic “Family History Potpourri.”

Betty reported that she presented a DNA class at Moline Public Library with 15 in attendance. There will be another program scheduled for this fall.

Linda also shared that Legacy Family Tree Webinars has announced their 3rd Annual 24-hour genealogy webinar marathon on April 7-8. Registration is free.

Fundraising: Linda reported we will be participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program for the 10th year. This is the only fundraiser we do each year. You will receive information in the mail next month.

Vice President – Jay informed everyone that Laura Reich will be presenting a program on Swedish and Scandinavian research. He also shared that John Michael Neil will be hosting at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Library from July 24-27. Transportation is on your own. You can contact Jay for further information. Please do not forget to complete the survey for today’s presentation.

Old Business

Linda asked everyone to save the date of Sunday, July 17th, for the Member Appreciation Event. More information will be forthcoming.

New Business

1950 Federal Census – Mary explained how Family Search is rolling out the 1950 census. There will be open access to validate the data of your respective family members.

Door Prize Drawing – Ronna Stickrod won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, April 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid format. Laura Reich will present a program on “Swedish (and some Norwegian) Research.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022**

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

President's Comments: Ann wished everyone a Happy Easter!

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from March 10, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$502.86 and expenses of \$924.36. The checkbook balance is \$4,321.54 as of March 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$25.73 and total cash assets are \$39,480.39. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. She also reviewed the year-to-date budget and pointed out that insurance went up this year.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported that she has been monitoring email and conference registrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports to the Board. A total of 367 users visited the society website during March. The top three areas visited were *Virtual Conference, Cemetery Records and Newspaper Abstracts*. She also provided a report with Facebook statistics.

Julie reported the website has been upgraded to a high-performance server on BlueHost, and the JetPack security software has been renewed. This upgrade should improve website performance.

Conference – Judi provided a committee report outlining the details of the virtual conference on April 23rd. There are currently 51 registrations and seven drawing prizes have been donated. SCIGS pledged a donation towards expenses to allow their members to participate at the \$15 member price.

SCIGS share with us that they no longer have an interest in actively participating in the planning of the annual conference. They closed the joint bank account and gave us a check for ½ the balance. They also gave us the box of bank records. After a Board discussion, it was decided to place the funds in the checking account until Judi can research interest bearing account options.

Education – Linda reported there was a good discussion with 16 participants at the March Lunch & Learn, "Recent Genealogy Discoveries". The April 27th session will be on the topic "1950 Census".

She also reported that we will be partnering with Moline Public Library on October 11, 2022, presenting on the topic "Grandma's Box". More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Mary will be conducting a training session via Zoom on April 20, 2022, to share steps on how to get started with the community project on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. She is asking participants to link their Family Search login to RICIGS prior to doing any research so we can track our stats. Instructions have been sent to the membership via email. This will also be held in person at the Butterworth Center at the April Lunch & Learn.

Mary shared an educational opportunity at the Family History Library in Davenport on June 11th, on the topic of Belgium. It will be offered in person or on Zoom. Information will be posted on blog and Facebook.

Fundraising – Linda reported the Birdies mailing went out on April 13th. The deadline to donate is June 1st.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb reviewed the list of books added to the library in April. She provided suggestions for books to purchase in memory of Shay Elliott. The Board concurred with her list of six books to purchase in memory of Shay at the cost previously approved.

NGS – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty reported cemetery records added to the website this month include St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in East Moline. She is starting to review the Obituary Index files on the website and will evaluate other items that we may want to publish for our members.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Julie received one request related to Swedish genealogy. She forwarded it to Laura Reich to assist with the research. The requestor also became a new member.

Registrar – In Marilyn’s absence, Julie reported there are 145 members. She inactivated 16 members due to non-renewal. She emailed the questionnaire to those that did not renew and received two responses.

Vice President – Jay wanted to review how we will provide a list of available books in our library for the general meetings now that we are going to be in person again. It was determined that Julie would email the list of relevant books for each respective meeting to all members prior to the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1950 Census Community Project – As previously described, Mary will conduct a training session on April 20th via Zoom. You can attend on your mobile phone, tablet, or computer. Julie will send a reminder email the day before.

50th Anniversary – Linda contacted a caterer for the Member Appreciation event scheduled for July 17th. The committee is finalizing details.

Member hospitality at general meetings – Members-At-Large will circulate the meetings, along with other Board members, to ask questions and get to know members. Linda will bring name tags and markers.

Logo on tablecloth by PowerGraphX -Jay met with PowerGraphX. They can use our tablecloth, but the logo can’t be bigger than 15”. If we want a logo over that size, they will have to send it out to be done. In that case, it would be a \$90 charge, and would include a new tablecloth of any color, with an option of adding text (i.e.: web address) on all four sides of tablecloth. It was decided to place the 15” logo on our existing white tablecloth for \$10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers – With the busy Anniversary year the Society will be having, Ann wanted to discuss the approach for the next years slate of officers. The Board was asked to decide whether they would like to go forward with their current position, try out a new position, or not participate on the Board. Betty emphasized she would like to see current board members continue to contribute to the society in whatever way they are able.

Annual Dinner – Ann asked whether we want to have the dinner at Butterworth again or at a restaurant. Everyone agreed they would like it at Butterworth again and have food catered in. She will find a date to reserve.

Genealogy Trips – Jay asked whether he could put Michael John Neil genealogy trip information on our Facebook page. The Board agreed it would be ok to share trip information to Allen County Library and Salt Lake City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30 pm Hybrid. Laura Reich will present a program on “Swedish (and some Norwegian) Research”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes April 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. There was a total of 33 attendees.

Ann introduced the speaker, Laura Reich, who presented a program on “Swedish (and some Norwegian) Research”.

President’s Comments: Ann welcomed everyone and thanked those in attendance for joining the session.

Society Highlights: Linda shared the history of field trips that RICIGS has sponsored over the past 50 years. She highlighted trips to the Allen County Library, Family History Library in Davenport, and the Davenport Public Library, among others. She also shared that Society members have traveled to several museums and historical cemeteries in surrounding communities. Her favorite was going to a cemetery and learning how to “grave witch”.

Recording Secretary: The secretary’s minutes from the March 22, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Laura Reich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Judi reported income of \$502.86 and expenses of \$924.36. The checkbook balance is \$4,321.54 as of March 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$25.73 and total cash assets are \$39,480.39. The Treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Conference – Judi reported there were 60 registrations for the conference, with about 50 attending. She reported it was a successful conference with a great presenter. SCIGS will be contributing to the cost.

Education Linda reported there was a good discussion with 16 participants at the March Lunch & Learn, “Recent Genealogy Discoveries”. The April 27th session will be on the topic “1950 Census”. It will be the first session in person since the pandemic.

Fundraising: Linda reported the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity forms have been mailed to the membership. The deadline for sending in pledges is June 1, 2022.

Librarian – Deb shared a list of books that have been added to the library. This includes donations made by Deb and Kitty Humphrey. Thank you for your donations!

Old Business

1950 Census Community Project – On April 20th via Zoom, Mary showed attendees the review process for the 1950 Census project through Family Search. She will also be teaching this information in person at the Lunch & Learn on April 27th. There are currently 18 members participating. She asked that anyone wanting to help with this project, to register with your login at the Family Search website.

50th Anniversary – Ann reminded everyone to save the date of Sunday, July 17th, for the Member Appreciation Event at the QC Botanical Center.

New Business

Door Prize Drawing – Shirley Ricketts won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid format. Tina Beard will present a program on “mapping Your Migrating Ancestors.”

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher.

President's Comments: Ann thanked the Board members who helped put on the virtual conference in April.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from April 14, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Mary Gardner-Karcher to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$387.00 and expenses of \$1,719.93. The checkbook balance is \$2,988.61 as of April 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$28.48 and total cash assets are \$41,985.42. The conference funds received from SCIGS was placed in a 12-month CD and is included in the total cash assets. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also provided the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported that she has been monitoring email and sending out email reminders for meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports to the Board. A total of 570 users visited the society website during April. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS, Virtual Conference and Education Corner*. She also provided a report with Facebook statistics. The report shows that the number of visits to our Facebook page is increasing.

Conference – Judi reviewed a summary of the virtual conference held in April. After discussion, it was agreed to set up another half-day virtual conference in October (22nd or 29th). Jay and Judi will check into speaker options.

Deb talked to SCIGS, and they would still be interested in participating in the annual conference in some capacity.

Education – Linda reported there were 14 participants at the April Lunch & Learn, on the topic "1950 Census". The May Lunch and Learn is on May 25th. The topic will be Ethnic Research and will be in-person at Butterworth.

Mary provided an update on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. RICIGS stats indicate nine families, 726 headers and 84,617 names have been reviewed. She will put a post of Facebook thanking everyone contributing from the community.

The next DNA SIG will be on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. Betty will discuss using ethnicity reports in genealogy research. These reports are available on the various websites where DNA is tested.

We will be partnering with Moline Public Library on October 11, 2022, to present a program tentatively called "Grandma's Box". The education committee is working out the details of the program.

Linda reported that she, along with Ann, will be presenting a Family Tree Notebooks program in the late summer.

Betty will be presenting "You've Taken a DNA Test, Now What?" for the Clinton Genealogy Society on June 25th.

Fundraising – Linda reported the Birdies mailing went out on April 13th. There were 14 pledges received as of the April General Meeting totaling \$365. JDC will send out a report next month that will include pledges made online. Ann will check the PO Box for additional pledges when she returns from her trip. The Board decided they would send out "Thank You" letters to contributors to the Birdies for Charity. Linda will add that step to her process.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb provided a list of books that were purchased in memory of Shay Elliott. She also received two boxes of the Swedish Genealogy Magazine quarterlies from the Swenson Center. This will make our collection more complete. She will get them added to the inventory.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty reported she is scanning Chippiannock Cemetery. She is also looking at the obituary indexes and making minor edits. She is continuing to review other sources for publication on our website.

Deb reported Janet Pease is having health issues that may prevent her from continuing her editing for a while.

Queries – No new queries received. Julie reported Naomi Durant’s Swedish request has been fulfilled.

Registrar – Marilyn reported there are 13 life members and 136 paid members.

Vice President – Jay has two programs scheduled for the calendar year 2023. He is looking for help with topics for the Annual Dinner that has been tentatively reserved for November 15th at the Butterworth Center. After much discussion, it was decided that he will first contact the German Heritage Center for a speaker/entertainment.

OLD BUSINESS

50th Anniversary – Linda will provide an update next month.

Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers – Two Board Members and one non-board member will need to be selected for the committee. Jerry Viernow was recommended for the non-board member. Jay will reach out to him. The people in positions up for re-election have indicated they would like to continue. The recording secretary position will need to be filled. Succession planning was discussed. There will be more discussion with this topic over the next few months.

Logo on tablecloth -Jay received the finished tablecloth. It is a nice addition to our Society.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deb reported an incident at RICHS regarding members being charged \$5 to review the RICIGS collection. The previous agreement of waiving the fee for members may need to be revisited with RICHS. We pay \$250 annually for a membership there.

Placing a magnetic sign with our logo or other relevant information to visually point where our collection is located might increase usage of the collection by patrons visiting RICHS. Deb and Julie will discuss options and report back to the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom or in-person at the Butterworth Education Center. Tina Beaird will present a program on “Mapping Your Migrating Ancestors.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes May 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 32 attendees.

Jay introduced the speaker, Tina Beard, who presented a program on "Mapping Your Migrating Ancestors."

President's Comments: Ann welcomed everyone and thanked those in attendance for joining the session.

Society Highlights: Linda shared the history of educational programs throughout the history of RICIGS. It started in 2003 with general genealogy programs. The Lunch & Learn program started in 2017 and the SIG program started in 2022. We also partner with other organizations, such as the Moline Public Library. We will continue educational programs and community outreach.

Sharing Family History: Several members shared their respective family research stories.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the April 26, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$387.00 and expenses of \$1,719.93. The checkbook balance is \$2,988.61 as of April 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$28.48 and total cash assets are \$41,985.42. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Education - Linda reported there were 14 participants at the April Lunch & Learn on the topic "1950 Census". The May Lunch and Learn will be on May 25th. The topic will be "Ethnic Research" and will be in-person only.

Mary provided an update on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. RICIGS stats indicate we have reviewed 100,065 names. She also reported the SIG DNA met via Zoom and had a good discussion on the topic of the *Ancestry* website ethnicity features.

Mary will be presenting a program on Belgium research at the Family History Center in Davenport on June 11th at 10:00 am. She will be discussing the Belgium holdings at the FHC, along with searching tips on the Flemish newspapers that are now available online. All are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Fundraising - Linda reported the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity forms are coming in and reminded everyone that the deadline for donations is June 1st.

Vice President – Jay reminded everyone to complete the satisfaction survey.

Michael John Neill will be available onsite to assist visitors who need help researching materials at the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, July 24th – 27th. Transportation and lodging will be on your own.

Old Business

50th Anniversary – Ann reminded everyone to save the date of Sunday, July 17th, for the Member Appreciation Event at the QC Botanical Center.

New Business

Door Prize Drawing – Ron Miller won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid format. Michael John Neill will present a program on "Federal Land Records "

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher.

President's Comments: None

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from May 12, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Julie Vogel to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mary Gardner-Karcher. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$69.84 and expenses of \$224.05. The checkbook balance is \$2,834.40 as of May 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$30.04 and total cash assets are \$41,861.25. She pointed out that we received \$9.84 from Amazon Smiles. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also provided the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported that she has been monitoring email and sending out email reminders for meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports to the Board. A total of 2,623 users visited the society website during May. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS*, *Virtual Conference-Videos and Obituary Index*. The obituary indexes had many hits due to information being updated on the site. Julie also provided a report with Facebook statistics. She also renewed the Zoom subscription for a year (100 participants).

Conference – Judi reported the second ½ day conference this year will be in October. Jay will confirm with the speaker, J. Mark Lowe, that we prefer Saturday, October 22nd. The topic has not yet been determined.

Education – Linda reported there were 10 participants at the May 25th Lunch & Learn, on the topic "Ethnic Research". The next L & L will be June 22nd, on the topic "Visiting Major Family History Libraries". This will be in person at the Butterworth Educational Center.

The next Writing Your Family History SIG will be on June 15th at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

The Education Team met to discuss upcoming programs and the 2023 curriculum. They are working on the topic selection for next year's 10 Lunch and Learn discussions. Suggestions are welcome.

We will be partnering with Moline Public Library on October 11, 2022, to present a program tentatively called "Grandma's Box". The education committee is still working out the details of the program.

Linda and Ann will be presenting a program on Family Tree Notebooks on Thursday, June 30th at the Butterworth Library. It will also be offered via Zoom.

Mary will be presenting a program on Belgium research at the Family History Center in Davenport on June 11th at 10:00 am. She will be discussing the Belgium holdings at the FHC, along with searching tips on the Flemish newspapers that are now available online.

Fundraising – Linda reported the Society received 25 pledges totaling \$800 for the Birdies for Charity. This does not include the online pledges. "Thank You" letters were mailed to members who submitted pledges through the Society. John Deere Classic will send a report listing those that pledged online. "Thank You" letters will be sent to those when the report is received.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb reviewed the list of books that were added to the library in the past month.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb said Forum discussions are picking up since the conference in May. Forum discussion topics include geographical membership makeup (respective local vs distant) and membership meeting participation with Zoom vs in person. The board discussed the makeup of our membership.

Publications – Betty reported in an email to Ann that Chippiannock Cemetery has been uploaded to the website

Queries – Julie responded to one query that generated a \$13 research fee. She will respond to the query from Liz Vansickle explaining that we don't have enough information to locate the owner of the newspaper clippings she has. Mary also responded to one query.

Registrar – Marilyn reported there are 14 life members and 137 paid memberships. Total number of all members is 176.

Vice President – Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1950 Census Community Project – Mary provided an update on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. The Nation is 70% complete. Illinois is 60% complete, with Document Headers 100% complete, Names 81% complete, and Families 0% complete. RICIGS stats: 310 families, 973 headers and 116,200 names have been reviewed. She asked that we continue to review the census.

50th Anniversary – Julie sent an email to members announcing the event on July 17th. The RSVP will be needed by July 1st. The committee will select light appetizers from Bridges Catering. They will also determine what to put into a Goodie Bag for attendees. Judi will be creating a 50th Anniversary booklet.

Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers – Julie sent some name suggestions to Ann who may participate on the committee. Jerry Viernow indicated he is not interested. Ann will begin contacting people when she returns from vacation.

Annual Dinner – Jay contacted the German Heritage Center. They have a speaker who can do a 30-minute presentation and 15 minutes of questions. There are three topics to choose from. Jay suggested "Octoberfest". He also suggested live entertainment with an accordion player. He will get pricing and report back to the Board via email. It was confirmed that his budget is \$1,000 for the event.

RICHS Signage – Deb showed pictures where our library collection is at the RICHS. Julie shared samples of magnetic signage that would fit on the end of the shelving. After much discussion, Julie will fine tune the look of two signs (to include the logo and identify the library collection) and obtain Deb's approval. A motion was made by Jay Matlock to approve the purchase of two magnetic signs, not to exceed \$75. These will be placed at RICHS to more easily identify where our library collection is located. Seconded by Mary Gardner-Karcher. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Orientation – In addition to continuing the Lunch & Learn programs and SIGs, we will be adding a "New Member Orientation" class that will be offered early each year. This class will give new (and existing) members some *Beginning Genealogy* tips on how to get started with their research, and how our Society member resources can help. This will include a tour of our website and what we have in our *Library Collection*.

Mary stated a member asked her whether we shared research surnames so members could help each other. The Board discussed the history of how this type of information was presented in various ways in the past, but over time it became difficult to maintain the data. It was decided to pose questions to the members in a survey to

obtain a level of interest in working with others, where members are researching geographically, and sharing their level of expertise. Ann, Mary, Julie, Linda, and Jay will develop a list of survey questions to present to the Board next month.

Mentoring Program – Jay asked if there was a way to find out if any members would be willing to be a mentor to other members. He found it very useful when he received help from another member with his software. This will tie in with the new member orientation plan and the survey.

RICIGS Logo Tablecloth – Jay pointed out that our 6’ fitted tablecloth didn’t fit the 8’ table at Butterworth at the last general meeting. After Board discussion, Jay will check into the cost to make another tablecloth for an 8’ tablecloth to possibly purchase at a future time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 14, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom or in-person at the Butterworth Education Center. Michael John Neill will present a program on “Federal Land Records.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Board Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 25 attendees. Jay introduced the speaker, Michael Jon Neill, who presented a program on "Federal Land Records."

President's Comments: Ann announced that today is the deadline to RSVP for the 50th Anniversary Member Appreciation Reception at the Quad City Botanical Center on July 17.

Society Highlights: Linda shared the history of past society anniversaries. She pointed out the 25th, 30th and 40th. She also mentioned that the society changed names in 2005 from Blackhawk Genealogical Society to the current name. The scrapbooks that recorded historical highlights for the society were created in time for the 40th anniversary and will be available on our website soon.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the May 24, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$69.84 and expenses of \$224.05. The checkbook balance is \$2,834.40 as of May 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$30.04 and total cash assets are \$41,861.25. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Conference – A second virtual conference is planned for October 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom. Speaker J. Mark Lowe will present two topics. More details and invitation will be sent in August.

Education – Linda Polich reported the education team met to discuss topics for Lunch & Learn for 2023. They are requesting suggestions on topics. The Writing Your Family History SIG met on June 15th via Zoom; and Lunch & Learn met on June 22 in person to discuss the topic "Visiting Major Family History Libraries". Both programs had good discussions.

Betty Hagberg reported she had 13 attendees at the DNA program she presented for the Clinton County Genealogical Society on June 25th.

Ann and Linda will be presenting a program on Family Tree Notebooks on Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 pm in person at Butterworth Library or via Zoom. An email invitation has been sent to the membership.

Linda reminded everyone that we are partnering with the Moline Public Library on October 11, 2022, tentatively called "Grandmas Box". More information will be presented when the time gets closer.

Fundraising - Linda reported there were 34 pledges for the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity. The donation check will be presented to the President at the annual dinner in November.

Old Business

1950 Census Community Project – Mary Gardner-Karcher reported over 118,000 names have been reviewed. At the end of June, she will be awarding prizes to volunteers.

New Business

Door Prize Drawing – Ed Evans won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 14, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid format. Alice Hoyt Veen from Prairie Roots Research will present a program on "Feminine Mystique: Finding Female Ancestors".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher, and Sally Bartosh.

President's Comments: None.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from June 9, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. There was a correction with the name of the SIG group. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$33.00 and expenses of \$354.77. The checkbook balance is \$2,512.63 as of June 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$31.01 and total cash assets are \$41,570.49. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie emailed website usage reports and Facebook data to the Board. A total of 274 users visited the society website during June. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS, Obituary Index and Society Events*.

Conference – Judi reported the second ½ day conference this year will be October 22nd. Jay confirmed that J. Mark Lowe will speak on two topics. There was discussion regarding door prizes and registration cost. A motion was made by Jay Matlock to charge \$15 for registration. It was seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried. There are six door prizes at this time. More conference information will be forthcoming.

Education – Linda reported there were 16 attendees for The Writing Your Family History SIG on June 15th.

There were 12 participants at the June 22nd Lunch & Learn to discuss the topic "Visiting Major Family History Libraries". The next Lunch & Learn on the topic "Death Records" will be on July 27th from 11:30 – 1:00 in person only at Butterworth Educational Center.

Linda and Ann presented a program on Family Tree Notebooks on June 30th with 23 participants (via Zoom and in-person). An email was sent out to attendees after the presentation to obtain interest with a follow-up meeting in August.

Betty was given a \$50 gift card for presenting a "Beginning DNA" class with Clinton County Genealogical Society in June. She would like to donate the gift card to RICIGS. The Board thanked Betty and will hold the gift card for the annual dinner.

Fundraising – Linda mailed "Thank You" letters to the members who donated online to Birdies for Charity. There were a total of 34 pledges.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report. Looking for someone to fill this position in 2023.

Librarian – Deb shared pictures of the new signage at RICHS to the Board.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb shared that the recent NGS discussions included insurance for societies; rewriting By-Laws to make them more generic in an effort to reduce the frequency of changes; and the option of eliminating some Board positions and creating teams instead.

Publications – Betty reported Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Rock Island, has been added to the website.

Deb reported that Janet Pease completed typing newspaper abstracts in the newest edition up to July. Deb will review newspapers, due to many of the notes being illegible, and edit the remainder of the book when typing is finished.

Queries – Nothing to report.

Registrar – Marilyn reported there are 14 life members and 138 paid memberships. There was one new membership this past month.

Vice President – Jay shared information regarding the annual dinner. He is still finalizing details for the speaker, entertainment and food. He will provide more information at the next Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

RICIGS Logo Tablecloth – Jay provided four options for an 8 foot tablecloth. A motion was made by Betty Hagberg to select a dark green 8 foot tablecloth with the RICIGS logo at a cost not to exceed \$150. Mary Gardner-Karcher seconded. Motion carried.

1950 Census Community Project – Mary provided an update on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. They did not reach their goal yet, but hope to complete review by Labor Day. She will send updates to the participants.

50th Anniversary – Linda reported 33 members and guests have signed up for the event, and reminded everyone the event is 1-3 pm on Sunday, July 17th.

Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers – The Board discussed options for filling open positions. Ann shared that we need to fill the Historian and Fundraiser positions. A motion was made by Jay Matlock to allow the current President to participate on the nominating committee for the calendar year 2023 election of officers (waiving Article 5:4(h)). Deb VanSant seconded. Motion carried.

Member Survey – Ann would like to send this out to the membership in August. She will include a message from the President.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Meeting Format – Ann requested we provide an “in person” option for the membership whether the speaker is on Zoom or in the room. This would provide an opportunity for the Hospitality Team to engage with members as well as give the members a chance to network with others. The Board agreed.

Archives Fair – Ann reported the fair will be at the LeClaire House on October 8th, from 1-4 pm. She asked anyone who is interested with volunteering at the event to contact her directly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom or in-person at the Butterworth Education Center. Alice Hoyt Veen from Prairie Roots Research will present a program on “Feminine Mystique: Finding Female Ancestors.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Board Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes July 26, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 28 attendees.

President's Comments: Ann thanked everyone who attended the 50th Anniversary gathering on Sunday, July 17th, and thanked all members who helped make the society a success for 50 years. It could not have happened without everyone.

Ann introduced the speaker, Alice Hoyt Veen from Prairie Roots Research, who presented a program on "Feminine Mystique: Finding Female Ancestors."

Society Highlights: Linda shared information about the history of the RICIGS library collection. The collection was held at the Rock Island Public Library for many years before being relocated to its current home at RICHS. The collection consists of member donations and purchases. There have been only three librarians, the current one being Deb VanSant. There are over 3,000 books and periodicals. Deb informed the members that there is new signage to point out the location of the collection within RICHS, and invited everyone to check it out. The current inventory of the collection can be found on the RICIGS website.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the June 28, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$33.00 and expenses of \$354.77. The checkbook balance is \$2,512.63 as of June 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$31.01 and total cash assets are \$41,570.49. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Conference – Judi reminded the members that the second virtual conference will be October 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom. Speaker J. Mark Lowe will present two topics. Information will be put on the website in August.

Education – Linda Polich reminded the members of the next Lunch & Learn on the topic "Death Records". It will be held on July 27th, from 11:30 – 1:00, in person only at Butterworth Educational Center.

Old Business

1950 Census Community Project – Mary Gardner-Karcher sent an email to project participants today asking for their respective stats of contributions for the project.

New Business

Door Prize Drawing – Sandra Luse won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m., in a hybrid format. Brian Rhinehart will present a program "Was My William Smith in the Civil War?".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022**

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

President's Comments: None.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from July 14, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. There was a clarification with Deb's report under Publication resulting in an amendment. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Jan McKenzie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$108.00 and expenses of \$1,089.38. The checkbook balance is \$1,531.25 as of July 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$30.81 and total cash assets are \$40,619.92. The 50th Anniversary Celebration expenses totaled \$934.51. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

Judi mailed the annual report to the Illinois Secretary of State. The fee is \$10, but it may have been submitted late and could incur a late charge. Beth Hoffman will receive any late notices as Registered Agent.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she monitored email and queries, and sent out meeting notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 912 users visited the society website during July. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS, Cemetery Records and Education Corner*. The website had an unusual "user" spike on July 6th. Julie will research the possible cause of the spike.

Conference – Judi reminded everyone the second ½ day conference this year is 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on October 22nd. Registration will cost \$15 for everyone. J. Mark Lowe will speak on two topics; 1) Expanding and Exploring Details from Published Local Histories, and 2) Timelines and Manuscripts, A Personal Connection. Julie will put the conference information on the website with the option to pay registration cost through PayPal or print and mail a check. There will be handouts for each session. She also informed the Board that the sessions will be recorded and available to registered attendees for 30 days after the program.

There was discussion regarding door prizes. A motion was made by Kathy Elliott to authorize the purchase of five \$20 Amazon gift cards, and provide one complimentary membership as door prizes at the conference. Jan McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

Education – Linda reported the Lunch & Learn on July 27th had a good turnout with a discussion about "Death Records". The next Lunch & Learn is 11:30-1:00 on August 24th, "in person only" at the Butterworth Education Center. The topic will be "City Directories & School Yearbooks".

Betty sent out a DNA SIG survey. This information will be used to help the team focus on areas of interest by the participants.

The Education Team is working on the 2023 schedule. Because of the popular interest, a new Family Tree Notebooks SIG will be included in the schedule.

Fundraising – Nothing to report.

Funeral Cards – Jan reported she has 150-200 cards that she accumulated during the pandemic and has added them to the spreadsheet. She will send the updated spreadsheet to Julie to upload on the website.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Ronna reported she will volunteer to fill this position for calendar year 2023. She also reminded everyone that the Historical binders have been scanned (plus OCR) and uploaded to Dropbox for use by everyone.

Librarian – Deb shared a list of books that she is adding to the Library Collection. She also suggested donating two duplicate books she received as giveaways at the Annual Dinner. The Board agreed.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb shared that the discussion forum posed questions regarding speaker contracts. Jay said some speakers do not require a signed contract. The Forum discussion included three parts needed on a contract; 1) speaker, date(s), presentation format, cost and any expenses; 2) are handouts provided, is recording allowed, how long is recording allowed for members on RICIGS secure website; and 3) Authorized Signatures. After a Board discussion, Julie indicated she will create a speaker contract sample for review by the Board.

Publications – Betty reported Moline Memorial Park Cemetery has been uploaded to the website. Deb reported Janet Pease is currently working on August 1881 with the newspaper abstracts.

Queries – Julie is following up on two queries.

Registrar – Julie reported there are 156 paid memberships that included several new ones this past month.

Vice President – Jay said the number of survey results being turned in after programs are presented is low. Possible reasons for this were discussed with the Board.

Jay shared that the Annual Dinner is scheduled for November 15th at Butterworth. The speaker will be from the German American Heritage Center & Museum presenting a program “20 Germans You Didn’t Think You Knew”. They are asking for a \$50 donation. There will be two people playing accordion music that will cost \$100 plus mileage. He is looking into catering food from Bierstube.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers – Ann reported she is running for President and Linda Walker will be running as Recording Secretary. Julie will research past meeting minutes to find how the Board previously voted to extend the number of years that elected officers can hold in lieu of modifying the Bylaws.

General Meeting Format/Attendance Tracker – Ann discussed how hybrid programs should be presented in the future. We need to evaluate the ratio of number of people attending the meeting in person vs number of people attending on Zoom to determine what a minimum number of attendees would be required for room setup. This will be discussed further after the member survey is completed.

Member Survey – The Board reviewed questions that will be posed to membership. After a lengthy discussion, the questions were fine-tuned. Julie will email out to membership as soon as changes are made.

Mentoring – This was discussed with the Member Survey discussion. Questions in the survey will address mentoring options.

1950 Census Community Project – Linda provided the final update on the FamilySearch 1950 Census Project. Laura Reich received a gift card for completing the most reviews, and Ronna Stickrod received a gift card in the random drawing. Mary will be wrapping up the project with FamilySearch.

50th Anniversary – Linda reported 25 members and guests attended the event at Quad City Botanical Center on July 16th. Everyone that attended enjoyed the celebration.

Ann reminded everyone that there are still three gift card drawings for the remaining three General Membership meetings this year.

Archives Fair – October 8, 2022 from 1-4 at LeClaire House. Ann can’t participate this year. Jay volunteered to attend. He will contact Ann to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Polo Shirts & Pedigree Chart Nametags – The Board discussed the purchase of polo shirts and nametags. Kathy said we still have some t-shirts. She will check how many and what sizes she has. Jay checked with Power GrafX for costs to make these. It would be \$40 to make a template and \$15 to embroider a polo shirt with the logo. The nametags would cost \$5. Linda will send a sample pedigree chart nametag to Jay. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 8, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom or in-person at the Butterworth Education Center. Brian Rhinehart will present a program on “Was My William Smith in the Civil War?”

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 33 attendees.

Jay introduced the speaker, Brian Rhinehart, who presented a program "Was My William Smith in the Civil War?"

Society Highlights: Linda highlighted several Special Projects that the Society has completed over the years. She mentioned members walked Rock Island County cemeteries to gather information, binding 43 volumes of newspaper abstracts created by Janet Pease, binding marriage and birth data into books, creating scrapbooks with historical Society info, binding obituaries, collecting and indexing funeral cards, digitizing records for the website, and most recently finishing in the top 50 with the 1950 Census review project with Family Search.

Sharing Family History: Several members shared their respective family research stories.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the July 26, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Sally Bartosh to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Mary Gardner-Karcher. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$108.00 and expenses of \$1,089.38. The checkbook balance is \$1,531.25 as of July 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$30.81 and total cash assets are \$40,619.92. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Conference – Judi reminded everyone the second ½ day conference this year is 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on October 22nd via Zoom. Registration is \$15. J. Mark Lowe will speak on two topics; 1) Expanding and Exploring Details from Published Local Histories, and 2) Timelines and Manuscripts, A Personal Connection. The conference information will be on the website with the option to pay for the registration online through PayPal or print the registration form and mail with a check.

Education – Linda Polich reminded the members of the next Lunch & Learn on the topic "City Directories and Year Books". It will be held on August 24th, from 11:30 – 1:00, in person only at Butterworth Educational Center. The next Family Tree Notebooks session is September 7th, from 10-12, presented in person or Zoom. If attending in person, please bring examples of your project to share with fellow attendees.

Betty let members know that registration is open at the Moline Public Library website for the "Grandma's Box" seminar on October 11th. Information will be sent to the membership via email.

Vice President – Jay requested everyone complete the satisfaction survey. He also informed the membership that the Annual Dinner is November 15th at Butterworth Center. The speaker topic will be "25 Germans You Didn't Think You Knew".

Old Business None.

New Business

Door Prize Drawing – Linda Walker won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 8, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m., in a hybrid format. Jay Matlock will host a program "Sharing Stories of Famous & Infamous Ancestors".

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:40 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix and Mary Gardner-Karcher.

President's Comments: Ann asked that we limit Board Meetings to 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from August 11, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$145.00 and expenses of \$499.26. The checkbook balance is \$1,176.99 as of August 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$31.83 and total cash assets are \$40,297.49. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget. Some costs have increased over the past eight months, but we are still in good financial shape.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she monitored email and queries, and sent out meeting and conference notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 279 users visited the society website during August. The top three areas visited were *Cemetery Records, Joining RICIGS and Genealogy Sources*. She also reviewed the Facebook statistics. Julie did not find any specific reason why there was a spike in July's report, although it may be related to hacking attempts. Julie also mentioned she is verifying and updating links, if needed, on our website.

Conference – Judi reported that there are ten registered for the October virtual conference. Invitations will be sent again in early October.

Education – Linda reported the Lunch & Learn attendees on August 24th had a good discussion about "City Directories & School Yearbooks". The next session will be via Zoom only on September 28th with the topic "Research Tips and Tricks".

The Education Team is working on the 2023 schedule. The dates and topics will be included on bookmarks that will be made for the Annual Dinner. There will be two new SIG's added in 2023 - *Belgian Research*, led by Mary; and *Family Tree Notebooks* (FTN), led by Ann and Linda.

Linda reminded the Board about upcoming educational opportunities. The next DNA SIG is scheduled for September 21st at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom only. The Family Tree Notebooks group has a hybrid follow-up that was rescheduled for September 26th. *Grandma's Box* seminar is being presented on October 11th at the Moline Public Library.

Fundraising – Nothing to report.

Funeral Cards – Jan reported she sent the updated spreadsheet to Julie to upload on the website. She continues to add new card information to the index, and mentioned we have close to 7,000 cards.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb shared a list of books that she added to the Library Collection in August. The books have been filed on shelves at RICHS.

Mailing – We will need to send paper invitations for the Annual Dinner to members who do not have email.

NGS – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty reported Resthaven Cemetery in East Moline has been completed. Julie will be placing it on the web soon.

Queries – Nothing to report.

Registrar – Julie reported there are currently 154 paid memberships. She will put a post on the blog informing anyone who may be interested in joining that they would receive membership from now through December 2023.

Vice President – Jay discussed how he will be hosting the next General Meeting. Additional information will be included in the meeting announcement that Julie will send out via email with the link to Zoom. The meeting will be in person or Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

Speaker Agreement – Jay suggested we simplify the speaker agreement that was sent out to the Board in “draft” form. Jay and Judi will work together to come up with a new draft for Board review.

2023 Officers – The nomination committee provided a proposed slate of Officers for 2023. Because there are three officers who would be exceeding the two year limit per the Bylaws, it is necessary for the Board to vote in order to waive the two year limitation requirement. A motion was made by Mary Gardner-Karcher to waive Article 5, Section 5(3) of the RICIGS Bylaws, for the 2023 year only, to allow Ann Noyce, Jay Matlock and Judi McDowell to exceed the term length listed in said section. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

Member Survey – There were 34 replies to the survey. The Board discussed the survey topics. Separate teams were created to review and summarize data for the Board in the areas of Meeting Presentation Mode; Programs; Education; Board Research and Transcription Assistance; and Mentoring. The teams will present an action plan to the Board.

Annual Dinner – Jay meets with the caterer next week. Ann will help him with the menu. There will be a goodie bag that will include a bookmark with the dates/educational opportunities for 2023. Invitations will be sent out via email (or mail if necessary), and registration will be available online via PayPal or sending a check via mail.

Pedigree Chart Name Tags – The Board discussed the sample name tag emailed by Ann. There were several questions about the name tag that Jay will discuss with Power Grafx , then he will present to the Board again.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom or in-person at the Butterworth Education Center. Jay will host the program “Sharing Stories of Famous and Infamous Ancestors”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes 27 September 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There were 14 people in person and 6 people on zoom, for a total of 20 attendees.

Vice President Jay Matlock said that tonight's program would be "Share Stories of Famous & Infamous Ancestors." The following members told their ancestor stories: Sandy Perry, Jay Matlock, Mary Gardner-Karcher, Tammy Laud, Kathy Elliott, Linda Walker, Aaron Miers, Deb Van Sant, Alan Noyce, Judi McDowell and Sally Bartosh. Mary Gardner-Karcher and Tammy Laud each won a \$10 gift certificate from Whitey's for their ancestor's story.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the 23 August 2022 general meeting had previously been emailed to the membership. Motion by Sally Bartosh to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi McDowell reported income of \$145.00, expenses of \$499.26, interest of \$31.83 for total cash assets of \$40,297.49. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Conference: Judi McDowell reminded everyone to sign up. Emails have been sent out to the membership.

Education: Linda Polich reminded the members of the Lunch & Learn tomorrow. She also reminded the members about the class on 11 October at the Moline Public Library on "Grandma's Box". Betty Hagberg said that she didn't know if members needed to sign up. She will check with the library and information will be sent out to the membership.

Old Business: President Ann Noyce reminded us of the Annual Dinner on Tuesday 15 November at Butterworth Center, Taste of Germany with Dueling Accordions. The program will be by Kelly Lao, "20 Germans You Didn't Think You Knew." Members will receive in the mail the sign up form and the dues form. We're only allowed 60 people, so sign up early.

New Business: The nominating committee of Ann Noyce, Alan Noyce and Pam Lawson have a proposed slate of officers. Pam Lawson presented the names: President-Ann Noyce, Vice President-Jay Matlock, Treasurer-Judi McDowell, Recording Secretary-Linda Walker, Corresponding Secretary-Julie Vogel, Member-At-Large 2023-Alan Noyce, Member-At-Large 2024-Sall Bartosh, Member-At-Large 2025-Mary Gardner-Karcher. The membership will vote on the proposed slate of officers at the 25 October general meeting.

Door Prize drawing for a \$10 Amazon gift card was won by Sandy Perry.

Announcements: The next Board Meeting is Thursday, 13 October 2022, 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, 25 October 2022, 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Jacquie Schattner will present a program on "Top 10 Genealogy Tricks & Tips."

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

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary, Linda Walker

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2022**

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

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from September 8, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$227.48 and expenses of \$167.86. The checkbook balance is \$1,236.61 as of September 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$31.81 and total cash assets are \$40,408.92. The 24 Month CD matures 10/19/2022. The CD will renew at an interest rate of 2.96%, up from .80%. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she monitored email and queries, and sent out meeting and conference notices. She is helping Marilyn keep track of memberships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 317 users visited the society website during September. The top three areas visited were *Cemetery Name Index*, *Joining RICIGS* and *Members Only Cemetery Records*. In addition, she reviewed the Facebook statistics. Julie forwarded the invoice for the Dropbox renewal of \$119.88 to Judi for payment. She continues to keep the website up to date.

Conference – Judi reported that there are 15 registered for the October virtual conference. Julie will send a reminder email out to members. It is also posted on Facebook and SCIGS members have been invited.

Education – Linda reported the Family Tree Notebooks follow-up "show & tell" program was well attended on September 26th. There was also a good Lunch & Learn discussion on September 28th on the topic "Research Tips and Tricks".

Betty reported there was a good discussion with the DNA SIG participants. There was an attendee who knows a lot about DNA and was very helpful to everyone. The program "Grandma's Box" at the Moline Public Library on October 11th had 15 attendees. It was a great program with lots of good ideas and attendee participation.

Final programs of the year are the *Writing SIG* on October 19th, and the Lunch and Learn on October 26th. Both are via Zoom only. Julie will send out links for the meetings.

Fundraising – Linda will pick up the Birdies for Charities checks at the John Deere Pavilion on October 31st. She is looking for someone to take over this committee responsibility.

Funeral Cards – Mary offered to help and will get in touch with Jan.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb added one new book to the library.

Mailing – Ann mailed one paper invitation for the Annual Dinner.

NGS – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty reported she has finished digitizing all the cemetery books. The only cemetery we do not have transcribed is Greenview. She has added 60 cemeteries to the website over the past few years.

Queries – Deb is responding to one requestor who paid for three hours. A few members have offered to help with query research.

Registrar – Julie reported there are currently 159 paid memberships. She will send out the 2023 membership renewal application to members in November.

Vice President – Jay is still finalizing the details for 2023 programs. He will get what information he has finalized to Linda by the end of October so she has time to make the bookmarks to be given out at the annual dinner. Jay will not be able to attend the October general meeting. He will send the speaker info to Ann.

OLD BUSINESS

Archives Fair – Jay shared how the fair went and mentioned that he talked with several of the other vendors and ways we might be able to share information. He also got program ideas from them.

Member Survey Committees – The focus is only on the General Membership meetings. The Lunch and Learn and SIGs will be either in-person only or Zoom only. The Butterworth Education Center is good for in-person meetings, but not for hybrid meetings. Since hybrid meetings are popular, Jay will search for other possible locations that have the technology and tech support we need for Zoom meetings. If one can't be found or are too costly, we may have to do either in-person only, or zoom only in the future. The first three meetings of 2023 are Zoom only, so there is time to explore this.

Annual Dinner – Jay needs to confirm with the speaker if she will need a projector. Ann spoke to Bierstube and confirmed they will provide tableware. Linda will be making the bookmarks. Julie will do the program. Ann confirmed we will do three drawings, one \$50 gift card (provided by Betty) and two map books from the library.

Julie will send out a dinner reminder via email. There have only been 13 reservations as of today.

Pedigree Chart Name Tags – Jay reported the nametag made by Power Grafx is 3" x 2", is magnetic, can be glossy or matte finish, and costs \$4. You can have it shipped for \$5 or pick it up from them for free. A link to Power Grafx will be placed on the RICIGS website for members to purchase.

Jay also shared a sample of a RICIGS embroidered logo on a polo shirt. There are several shirt options and colors. We would also put a link to Power Grafx on our website, so the apparel is ordered and purchased directly from them. After Board discussion, a motion was made by Julie Vogel to spend up to \$50 for a setup fee to create an embroidered logo. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried. Jay will follow-up with Power Grafx.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 10, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Jacquie Schattner will present a program on "Top 10 Genealogy Tricks and Tips".

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes October 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 32 attendees.

President's Comments: Ann welcomed everyone to our last General Meeting of our 50th Anniversary Year and introduced the speaker, Jacquie Schattner, who presented a program "Top 10 Genealogy Tricks & Tips".

Society Highlights: For the final 50th anniversary society highlights, Linda focused on topics relating to the future of RICIGS. The Society will provide more topic specific education, offer genealogy classes demonstrating creative ways to display family history, more community outreach, engaging more with members to help meet their needs and utilize skills of members who would like to become more involved. Our goal is to promote and support the Society into the next 50 years.

Sharing Family History: One member shared a family research story.

Recording Secretary: The secretary's minutes from the September 27, 2022, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Julie Vogel to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported September income of \$227.48 and expenses of \$167.86. Interest on all accounts is \$31.81 and total cash assets are \$40,408.92. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Conference – Judi shared information relating to the half day conference held October 22nd. J. Mark Lowe did an excellent job presenting on two topics.

Education – Linda Polich reminded members of the final Lunch & Learn tomorrow, October 26th on the topic "Sharing Ancestor Stories and Unique Sources Used to Locate Ancestors". It will be Zoom only.

Linda and Betty reported that the "Grandma's Box" seminar on October 11th at the Moline Public Library had a good turnout and was a fun program, with members and non-members attending.

Old Business

Annual Dinner – Ann reminded those that have not yet signed up for the Annual Dinner, the deadline is Friday, November 4th. The dinner will take place on Tuesday November 15th at Butterworth Center dining room. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. The menu will include foods with a *Taste of Germany*. There will be dueling accordions and a program presented by Kelly Lao titled, "20 Germans You Didn't Think You Knew". Julie will be sending out another reminder email to the membership.

New Business

Vote on 2023 Slate of Officers – The slate of officers was read. The membership did not offer any discussion. The slate of officers presented was voted on. The attending members unanimously approved the slate of officers as presented. Installation will take place at the annual dinner on November 15th.

Membership Dues 2023 – Julie informed everyone that she will be emailing the renewal form to everyone in November. You can also renew via the RICIGS website.

Door Prize Drawing – Fran Buelow won the \$10 Amazon gift card.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 10, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is the Annual Dinner on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m. The programs for 2023 are still being finalized, but the first three meetings will be via Zoom only. More information will be sent to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:31 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Linda Walker and Mary Gardner-Karcher.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's meeting minutes from October 13, 2022, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$787.00 and expenses of \$919.77. The checkbook balance is \$1,103.84 as of October 31, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$30.95 and total cash assets are \$40,307.10. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she monitored incoming email, and emailed out society highlights and events, as well as membership renewal notices. She is helping Marilyn keep track of memberships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Judi mentioned that Betty did not have a cemetery book to upload to the website for Greenview Memorial Cemetery in East Moline. She would like to ask the membership for assistance walking the cemetery. This topic will be revisited in the spring.

A member interested in Essex Cemetery is asking for local assistance. Ronna will contact the member to help.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 424 users visited the society website during October. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS, Virtual Conference and Genealogy Resources*. In addition, she reviewed the Facebook statistics.

Julie also mentioned the Dropbox subscription was renewed. She reviewed the Dropbox folders with the Board and asked everyone to upload items to their respective folders. Julie emailed the membership roster to the Board. Since the roster is dynamic and constantly being updated, Ann asked Julie to provide everyone "view access" to see the membership roster on Dropbox so that it won't need to be repeatedly emailed.

Conference – Judi emailed a reconciliation for the virtual conference in October. Since there was a loss for the second conference, she suggested having only one virtual conference a year. She will revisit this topic in the spring. Also, some of the door prize winners have not claimed their respective gift card. She will contact those who haven't claimed the gift cards to ensure they know how to redeem the gift.

Education – Linda reported the last Lunch & Learn was on October 26th. The *Writing SIG* was on October 19th. It has been a successful year for education programs. Bookmarks listing next year's programs will be included in a goodie bag at the annual dinner on November 15th.

Fundraising – Linda picked up the Birdies for Charities checks. The checks will be presented to the President at the annual dinner.

Funeral Cards – Jan added a couple hundred more names to the database. Mary will help obtain cards from funeral homes that she doesn't go to. She also needs to order more boxes to store the cards in at the Library.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb advised the Board that we won't have room for additional boxes for funeral cards unless we remove some items from our collection. She suggested eliminating some of the old periodicals from the 1980's. Information in those periodicals is likely obsolete. The Board concurred.

Deb also noted we are down in acquisitions this year. She still has funds in the budget to purchase books. She will see what she can find at a discount through our American Ancestor Magazine membership.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb advised there will be a delegate meeting on November 17th. They will be discussing top priorities of the delegates respective organization. The Board discussed our top priorities: 1) Education, 2) Website & Resources on the site, 3) Programs, 4) Library and 5) Fellowship.

Publications – Betty reported she is creating Township level cemetery books that will be available for purchase in the RICIGS website shop. She currently has three townships done; Coe, Canoe Creek and Drury.

Queries – Julie reported she had one research request. The requestor paid \$10 hour to research an obituary. The website says we charge \$3 for an obituary. She asked that we remove the \$3 charge for an obituary since it can take up to an hour to locate an obituary. The Board agreed that we should remove the \$3 obituary cost from the website. She also said there was another request, but they were referred to RICHS.

Registrar – Julie reported there are currently 161 memberships. She sent out the 2023 membership renewal application to members via email.

Vice President – In Jays absence, Ann reported the list of programs for 2023 was given to Linda for the bookmarks.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Dinner – Ann reviewed a list of tasks to be done relating to the dinner. She said there are 33 paid members/guests and three complimentary guests. The food from BierStube, drinks, some tableware items, drawing giveaways, goody bags and bookmarks are being taken care of. The cost for the duo accordionists (named Silbertaler Musikanten) is \$175 (inc. gas). The speaker wants a \$50 honorarium payable to GAHC (German American Heritage Center). Jay will bring the 6' tablecloth and 50th Anniversary poster. Ann will also bring old logo t-shirts and bags to sell for \$5 apiece.

Speaker Agreement – After discussion of the draft agreement previously emailed to the Board, it was mentioned that a simple checklist rather than a lengthy legal agreement would be more suitable for us. Judi will work with Jay to see how they can simplify the agreement, but still include the necessary information.

Mentoring Committee Proposal – Briefly discussed what the Mentoring group needs to do. They will work out how to do the program with a broad guideline and present to the Board.

Pedigree Chart Name Tags – The name tag and shirt weblinks are open to purchases. Jay asked that any board members wanting to purchase items to please let him know if there were any issues with the process. Once that is confirmed, links to the site will be sent to the membership.

Alternate Venues – Jay will check colleges in the area where we can potentially have our hybrid meetings, and report back his findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

GAHC Genealogy Webinar – Jay wanted to share that the German American Heritage Center would give our members a discount if we help promote their webinar. After Board discussion, we agreed to promote the webinar via email to the membership. However, we will not promote it on our FaceBook page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2023, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Linda Polich and Ann Noyce will facilitate a “Family Tree Notebooks Overview”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod,
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022**

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

President's Comments: Ann thanked the Board for making the 50th Anniversary year fun and special for the membership. From the Member Appreciation, Society Highlights, Two Virtual Conferences, Door Prize Drawings and more, it was a memorable year.

Secretary's Minutes: The secretary's corrected meeting minutes from the November 10, 2022 meeting, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the corrected minutes. Seconded by Mary Gardner-Karcher. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported income of \$2,987.13 and expenses of \$1,687.61. The checkbook balance is \$2,403.36 as of November 30, 2022. Interest on all accounts is \$51.88 and total cash assets are \$36,816.73. She transferred \$1,000 from the Money Market to the checking account. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Judi also reviewed the Annual Dinner Summary and the year-to-date budget. She asked everyone to review the current budget and be prepared to discuss the 2023 budget at the January Board Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie reported she monitored incoming email and membership renewals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemeteries – Nothing to report.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 301 users visited the society website during November. The top three areas visited were *Joining RICIGS, Events-Videos & Handouts, and Shop*. In addition, she reviewed the Facebook statistics.

Julie will update the website with meetings for next year. She would also like to ensure others are trained to manage the Zoom meetings.

Conference – Nothing to report.

Education – Linda P. reported the Education Team met on November 29th to review the 2023 curriculum. Class dates were distributed in bookmark format at the Annual Dinner. Dates were also sent to Julie to place on the website.

There are two new classes for 2023. There will be a New Member Orientation, that is still in the planning stages. There will also be a Belgian SIG. Mary is working on handouts and said it will be an instructional format.

Fundraising – The two Birdies for Charities checks we received were presented at the Annual Dinner in November. The check for donations was for \$1,140 and the bonus check was for \$79.80.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Goals – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb provided a list of books added to the library in November.

Deb says she will compare what Janet wrote and what is typed for the 1881 volume of the Argus and complete the editing. It was suggested that since the Argus is now on newspapers.com, it isn't necessary to continue publishing these any longer.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

NGS – Deb reported the last NGS meeting she attended discussed the following: 1) partnerships with local PBS stations, 2) allowing NGS to review society bylaws and provide suggestions, and 3) asking what NGS can do for us. The Board discussed these points and will address again at a future meeting.

Publications – Betty reported she compiled a Cemetery Book for Edgington Township.

Queries – Julie researched obituaries for one requestor. She sent out the obituaries and asked for a donation, but has not received anything. Deb had a requestor who she referred to the County Clerks office.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix has resigned. If anyone is interested in becoming chairperson of this committee, let Ann know. Linda Walker said she will take over if no one else does. Julie reported there are currently 162 memberships.

Vice President – Jay reported the programs are set for 2023. The German American Heritage would like to share their events with our membership. The Board agreed to email their information to the membership as an educational opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Dinner – There was good feedback from the event. Attendees liked the common German theme throughout the evening with the food, presentation and entertainment.

Speaker Agreement – This was finalized and will be sent to the scheduled speakers that do not already have one of their own agreements.

Member Survey Committees – Jay suggested sending out mentoring information to the local members and ask what areas they would like assistance with. This will be addressed after the first of the year.

Pedigree Chart Name Tags & Shirts – Some Board members that placed orders had no issues receiving their items, but others that placed orders had issues. For example, orders had not been received and the vendor was not returning calls or emails. Jay will contact them to address these issues.

Alternate Venues – Jay checked with some locations where we could potentially have hybrid general meetings that offer technical support to help with setup and may also provide better sound. Moline Library has a room at no charge, but provides no technical support. Augustana College charges \$110 for a non-profit organization. These are not an option. It was suggested to contact Hauberg Estate, Blackhawk College and Western University as possibilities. Another option may be Rock Island Public Library when the new facility is built. Additional suggestions can be provided to Jay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Family Search – A letter was received from FamilySearch thanking us for participating in the 1950 Census Community Project.

Family Tree Maker – An email was received from Family Tree Maker offering support to genealogy societies. This was forwarded to the Educational Team for a possible Lunch & Learn opportunity in the future.

Butterworth Donation – A donation request was received from Butterworth Center. A motion was made by Betty Hagberg to donate \$100 to Butterworth Center. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Linda Polich and Ann Noyce will facilitate a “Family Tree Notebooks Overview”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

Board Meetings 2022

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 2022

January – meeting held on Zoom

February – no business meeting held due to Nancy Loe speaker on Zoom

March – meeting held on Zoom

April – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

May – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

June – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

July – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

August – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

September – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

October - meeting held on Zoom

November – Annual dinner held at Butterworth Center, Moline - no business meeting

December – no meeting