

Kenosha County Genealogy Society
Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Nuernberg at 6:30 PM in the BioScience Building at Gateway Technical College.

Those in attendance were: Kathy Nuernberg, Dawn Jurgens, Suzanne Dibble, Frank Klein, Mary Ann Cole, Claudia Schiller, Joseph Miller, Judy Uelmen, and Brenda Lambert-Miller.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted with a balance of \$2,190.80. Kathy asked for approval of Treasure's report Dawn Jurgens first and seconded by Judy Uelmen.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted by Frank Klein and seconded by Suzanne Dibble.

Frank said our speaker from June, Robin Seidenberg still hasn't cashed her check we should call her. He can get an adapter for \$20 to use with speaker's computers, all agreed to purchase it.

Sarah's handouts are on website for members. New user name is "kenosha" and password is "RootRiver2017". Kathy said the contracts for Jan. – March are signed with Gateway.

Decembers speaker is a 90-year-old man, Kenneth Groenke, who is a WWII veteran who has a trunk full of letters and memories that spurred a film about war. He and his daughter Jennifer who helps him will need a DVD player and remote to use. He was born in Racine and now lives in Oconomowoc – fee is free. We will have dessert only and will be open to the public. 6:00 PM registration and conversation. Members to bring a finger food dessert to pass: brownies, cookies, bars, treats. If you can't attend, please still donate a dessert. Claudia will make a sign-up sheet with suggestions to be passed around at the General meeting, no jello please. Claudia has bowls, plates and silverware from our potlucks. Admission is a non-perishable item that we will donate to First Step Day Shelter on 63rd Street, Joe Miller will handle this. Many veterans are homeless. We agreed that 12 round tables set-up would be good. Kathy has decorations, tablecloths, coffee pot and water from the fair. Dawn has an Amish fireplace she can bring in; and Kathy has a rug. For "Fireside chat and Dessert". We talked about calling to register and most people don't RSVP.

Judy U. asked how we can tie in our Genealogy Society. Her dad was in the Marine's and they are having his military uniform put in a shadow box. VFW groups in Kenosha, Pleasant Prairie, Somers, Military Store on 39th Ave, and Hwy 50 Surplus store. WWII genealogy is the History of you. WWII Draft registration records. What should be put on the invitation flier? Do you have a veteran in your family? Bring them. Honor your Veteran. Posters should be put up at Military stores, Senior Center, Festival Foods, Southern Colony, Vet's Union Grove clinics, Armory on 43rd and 39th Ave. Should make a handout fill in form with websites and family group sheet. We should also have for sale our Beginners Kits and Emergency Genealogy kits.

The library aides are gone because of budget cuts. There is also a different director at the Kenosha Libraries.

Publicity is by Judy Reynolds we need to advertise ahead of time. It was mentioned the Milwaukee News would get us too many people. Time Warner Cable, channel 14, and a Blurb for the Kenosha News. Monday December 12, 2016, Fireside Presentation at GTC Madrigano Auditorium 6:00 PM registration. 6:30-8:30 PM Program – OPEN to the Public.

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Kathy said Milwaukee doesn't have business meetings before general meetings. 4013C was mentioned that require non-profits should have a business meeting. We have our June annual meeting when we vote for elected officers. We should have a vote at next week's General meeting if we should keep or stop the Business meeting prior to monthly General Meeting. Also, talked about the format of meetings, program, announcements, open for questions, Roberts Rules of Order, we should follow Bylaws. First Step, Genealogy fair, Raffle application, Mission statement, no political chatting, charge, donations, and sales tax discussed.

Our speaker for November is Dr. Daniel Hubbard, January is Jessica Michna, and February is our Jean Hoffmann.

Kathy passed around the KCGS 2016 Interest Survey results. Girl and Boy Scouts have requirements for patches/merits not sure if they have anything for Genealogy. Beginning Genealogy from Washington State Kathryn Foster website is sewbusy2041@yahoo.com. History center steps on toes of Western/Westosha creating conflict with State??

Mayor youth council meeting, commission more publicity, Pioneer certificates came before statehood, 1850 – 1870, 1850 – 1900. Judy U. will bring. Will be on TV?? Western Immigration Company, how State, family reunions. We were called Pike, then Southport and finally Kenosha. John Bullen came in about 1836 and had \$6,000. Land was bought from Land office. We were part of Michigan territory before we were called Wisconsin. Our Washington Island name was changed to Simmons Island. Frank mentioned Lighthouse Keepers records and stories. He went to Parkside about DNA speech, they talked about Autosomal patriarch line Grandpa's, Matriarch the women's line, and the Y male line that goes back several hundreds of years. There is 23 and Me, Judy said Ancestry offers only one line for \$99. Family Tree DNA is hard to use and is \$125. To be on a Surname group project is \$235. Jean Hoffmann and Jennifer Strickland gave a speech about DNA earlier this year.

Kathy passed a sheet around about a name tag that can be purchased with 3-Generations on it for \$8. There is an app for smartphones "We are related" app must have an Ancestry account. Kathy is related to Bill Gates.

Suzanne said she mails out the newsletter to two members that don't have the internet. Chicago Company, Green Bay, and McHenry were mentioned. LDS has not contacted us to update information.

Dan Hubbard will be our speaker this month he charges \$150. He will be talking about Writing your Family Narrative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Brenda Lambert-Miller, Secretary