

CAPITAL AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
for 2006

January 8, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held January 8, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Eleven members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the November meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine reported that we neglected at the November meeting to vote to elect the slate of candidates for the board presented by the nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of candidates as presented at the November meeting.

President Richwine raised the question of whether we should have a table at the annual Family Heritage Day at the State Museum March 19. Marion O'Neal and Molly Ulsh volunteered to staff a table. A motion to participate was made and seconded. Molly Ulsh asked if we could ask to have a table in the main hall this year. President Richwine will make the arrangements.

President Richwine raised the question of whether we should have a table at the annual Lancaster Family History Conference March 31 and April 1. There was discussion of whether we have enough material for a table and whether anyone is interested in attending the conference. It was decided to check to see if anyone from the Dauphin County Historical Society is going.

President Richwine presented the hand-out "It's Your Turn", a list of questions that will be asked at each meeting. The list is on file with these minutes and will appear in the newsletter.

Karl Fox reported that there are now only two Dauphin County cemeteries, Harrisburg and Woodlawn, on which he doesn't have information. He is presently reading the stones at Baldwin, and will then compare his results to their burial records book. They want to put the information on findagrave.com.

President Richwine named the committees for 2006. A list is on file with these minutes. Dottie Fox asked for material for the newsletter. She also asked for and got confirmation that our March combined meeting with the West Shore Genealogical Society is at our meeting location. Winnie Gould will contact them to make sure they know that.

Joseph Brechbill spoke to us about the Milton Hershey school and donated a copy of his book "It Was Kitty's Idea" to our library.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

February, 2006

No Minutes

March 12, 2006

A joint meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society and the West Shore Y Genealogy Club was held March 12, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Twenty-nine members and guests were present.

President Richwine thanked Robin Lighty for printing our new brochure.

A bus trip to Washington D.C. April 19 was announced. It's sponsored by the Juniata/Mifflin County Historical and Genealogical Society, and stops at both the DAR and Archives. Contact Mr. Terry Wheeler at 436-5152 for more information.

President Richwine also announced that the canal life presentation postponed from February has been rescheduled for May, and Betty Hummel, who was scheduled to speak about the Harrisburg State Hospital in May, will instead speak in October.

Dan Cupper spoke and showed slides on the Enola Yards.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

April 9, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held April 9, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Eighteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the March meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Secretary Yocum read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes. Audit committee chair Freda Yocum read the audit report.

President Richwine announced the 2006 LDS York chapter family history conference May 27, reported that our laptop was repaired for \$100, and then opened the floor for genealogical questions; there were none.

Robin Lighty announced the 1st Annual Pa. Genealogical Conference in Pittsburgh in September. President Richwine announced "Roots in the Boot", an Italian genealogy conference, in Pittsburgh July 14 & 15.

Helen Foreman reported that the annual picnic, hosted by the Palmyra Genealogical Society, will be July 9 at 1 p.m. at the church where the Palmyra group meets, just north of Campbelltown on Rte. 117.

Jim Stutzman spoke, and showed artifacts and reproductions, on the Indians of Pa. from the ice age forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

May 21, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held May 21, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. Vice-president Rae Neubaum called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Thirty-one members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the April meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. There was no treasurer's report.

Vice-president Neubaum reminded the group of our upcoming meetings: June 11, Germaine Nadler on mourning jewelry, and July 9, the picnic. She then opened the floor for genealogical questions; there were none.

Karl Fox reported that we've ordered the rest of the Cumberland County cemetery books and that he's continuing to work on recording Baldwin cemetery.

Stephen Runkle spoke and showed slides on canals and canal life in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

June 11, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held June 11, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Twelve members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the May meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine reminded everyone of the picnic July 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Bible Church pavilion, Old Forge Rd. (Rte. 117) between Palmyra and Campbelltown. She asked the group to be thinking about where to go next year, when it will be our turn to host the Palmyra society.

Vice-president Rae Neubaum reported on the tour of the Capitol scheduled for August 13 at 3:00 p.m. We'll meet in the rotunda; enter by the main door or the back door. Parking is available on Commonwealth Ave. or Fisher Plaza. Two wheelchairs are available. Guests are welcome. Treasurer O'Neal will let the church know we won't be there for two months.

President Richwine explained that we had to reprint the newsletter due to the printer's error, and reported that we will put a note in the next volume of the newsletter reminding people to renew their memberships.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. Vice-president Neubaum asked if anyone knew where to find railroad retirement records. It was suggested that she contact the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago or the railroad museum in Strasburg. Member Karen Schmidt asked if anyone had any idea why people would have moved from Pennsylvania to Minnesota in centuries past. The consensus was because that was where land was available.

Germaine Nadler spoke and showed her collection of mourning jewelry.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

July, 2006

No Minutes

August, 2006

No Minutes

September 10, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held September 10, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Sixteen members and guests were present.

We began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of the 9-11 victims.

President Richwine announced our March 2007 meeting will be a joint meeting with the West Shore genealogy group March 4th at the West Shore YMCA. We will not have a picnic or meeting in July 2007.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the June meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Secretary Yocum read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine asked the group whether they would be interested in participating in a Christmas party the Lower Paxton Township Historical Society will be hosting at the Linglestown American Legion, Weds. evening, Dec. 6, at a cost of about \$15 per person. A motion was made and seconded to let the Lower Paxton Society know we're interested. A decision on whether this will replace our regular Dec. meeting will be made at the upcoming board meeting.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. A guest shared his experiences with contacting universities for genealogical information: The University of Pennsylvania was very helpful, but NYU was not. Winnie Gould commented that Indiana University of Pa. is also a good source.

President Richwine announced that, per the by-laws, we must select a nominating committee at the Sept. meeting, and asked for nominations for the committee. Ricki Hammell nominated Robin Lighty, Molly Ulsh, and Dottie Fox. President Richwine announced that we will need a newsletter editor as of Jan. 1, 2007.

Herb Kruger, president of the East Pennsboro Historical Society, gave a presentation on East Pennsboro Township and the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

October 8, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held October 8, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Thirteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the September meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Secretary Yocum read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine announced upcoming genealogy events: The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society walking tour of historic Bethlehem Oct. 13th and workshop Oct. 14th, two workshops to be presented by Jim Beidler at the State Archives Oct. 14th, the Palatines to Pa. fall conference at Yoder's Banquet Hall Oct. 21st, the Juniata County Historical Society bus trip to Washington D.C. Oct. 25th, and a workshop on Pa. German folk art and culture at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lemoyne Nov. 11.

President Richwine reported that she and treasurer Marion O'Neal represented CAGS at a meeting of local historical and genealogical societies at the Dauphin County Historical Society Sept. 13, that the East Shore Area Library is looking for a speaker on genealogy (No one volunteered.), and that board member and program coordinator Winnie Gould is moving out of the area. (Fortunately, our programs are planned through most of 2007.)

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. There were none.

Vice-president Rae Neubaum reported that she brought in back issues of Ancestry and Family Chronicle magazines, which were added to the library.

Cemetery and library chair Karl Fox reported that we now have the whole series of Cumberland County cemetery books in our library, that the Dauphin/Middle Paxton Historical Society donated a copy of their cemetery book to our library, and that he was given a William Howard Day cemetery listing.

Betty Hummel, a charter member of the Harrisburg State Hospital historical committee, spoke to us about the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

November 12, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held November 12, 2006, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Fifteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the October meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Secretary Yocum read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes. President Richwine announced that she would accept 2007 dues.

Nominating committee chair Robin Lighty read the slate of officers nominated for 2007: Esther Richwine, president; Rae Neubaum, vice-president; Freda Yocum, secretary; Marion O'Neal, treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as read.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. Jim McAteer asked if anyone knew where to find social security records from before the 1970's. He is trying to find a date of death for someone who died, probably in the Pittsburgh area, between 1942 and 1956. Dottie Fox suggested Cyndi's list. Karl Fox suggested cemetery records, which might be available at a historical society in the area. Lois Ritchie suggested the Blair County Library in Hollidaysburg, which has a lot of Pittsburgh information, or the Carnegie Library.

Karl Fox reminded everyone that Charles Fies' website is still available. Lois Ritchie is interested in the Middletown area; Helen Foreman said that Middletown cemetery records are available at the Hummelstown Historical Society. Molly Ush and Dottie Fox reported on a very helpful book of Juniata County information. President Richwine asked Dottie to e-mail information on the book to treasurer O'Neal so we can purchase it for our library.

President Richwine announced a 2-part program on tracing the history of your homestead on Tues., Nov. 14 and Tues., Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fredrickson Library in Camp Hill.

A sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2007 was circulated. President Richwine reported that due to the sudden death of William Doyle, the Lower Paxton Township Historical Society will not host a Christmas dinner as previously planned. We will meet at our usual place on our usual date (Dec. 10); bring "goodies".

Because our speaker didn't show up, we spent the remainder of the meeting sharing the surnames we're researching and the roadblocks we've hit in our research. Robin Lighty said that he works for the Bureau of Mines, which has records of mine fatalities and injuries from 1870 on.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary