

CAPITAL AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
for 2008

January 13, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held January 13, 2008, 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 November and December meetings. President Richwine reported one change to the upcoming programs announced previously: Our February speaker will be Michael Barton, Penn State Harrisburg professor, on genealogy in the journal of Charles Rawn, Harrisburg attorney from 1830 to 1865. The Roberts Valley program has been postponed until later in the year. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine reported that our website hasn't been updated, nor are we up to date with our newsletters. Vice-president Robin Lighty will contact Rae Neubaum, who was taking care of both, to get an update on their status.

Ginny and Duke Hallacher spoke about their trek across America.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

February 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held February 11, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. Ten members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the January meeting, which were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes. Announcements were handed out and are on file with these minutes.

President Richwine opened the floor for questions on genealogical research; there were none. She thanked Dottie Fox for this month's refreshments and Freda Yocum for last month's.

Michael Barton, Penn State Harrisburg professor, spoke on genealogy in the journal of Charles Rawn, Harrisburg attorney from 1830 to 1865.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

March 9, 2008

A joint meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society and the West Shore YMCA genealogy society was held March 9, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. Twenty-seven members and guests were present, and several more arrived later.

President Richwine called the group's attention to CAGS' new web address on the announcement sheet and to brochures for the Lancaster Family History conference April 18 & 19. Molly Ulsh announced the Juniata County Historical Society bus trip to the DAR and National Archives April 23. The cost is \$40, and the bus will stop at Boscov's in Camp Hill.

President Richwine opened the floor for questions on genealogical research; there were none.

Nancy Eshelman spoke about her great-grandfather's diary.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

April 13, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held April 13, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. Thirteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the February and March meetings, which were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine thanked Jim McAteer for compiling the newsletter that was recently mailed. She announced a board meeting before the May meeting (the 3rd Sunday in May) and the speaker for the May meeting: Steve Runkle on the French & Indian War. She also announced our field trip to the Cumberland County Historical Society on Saturday, June 14. Call her at 566-2891 about transportation; drivers will include Karl Fox, Ricki Hammell, Marion O'Neal, and Jon Mansch.

President Richwine brought the group's attention to the Perry Historians' newsletter, which contains a list of surnames being researched by members. It will be in our library. She then opened the floor for genealogical questions or announcements; there were none.

Tony Orsini spoke and showed slides on the Union Canal and Tunnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

May 18, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held May 18, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. Sixteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the April meeting, which were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine announced our field trip to the Cumberland County Historical Society on Saturday, June 14. We will meet here (in the church parking lot) at 10 a.m. The Historical Society tour is at 11 a.m.; people can go back after lunch and research until 3 p.m. If the Historical Society charges for research that day, CAGS will pay. There is no other meeting in June or July.

President Richwine also announced our August and September meetings: August – sources for genealogical and historical research at the Dauphin County Historical Society, and September – Linda Piekut of the West Shore genealogy society on using Heritage Quest.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions; there were none. The State Library of Pa. Genealogy Day was announced: Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Forum. There will be workshops, and there will be tables for exhibitors, but they can't sell anything.

Steve Runkle spoke and showed slides on the French and Indian War in Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

June, 2008

No Minutes

July, 2008

No Minutes

August 10, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held August 10, 2008, 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 May meeting. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine reported on Molly Ulsh's progress recovering from a broken leg. She also reported on our June visit to the Cumberland County Historical Society – we had a good time and got a lot of information – it's a great place to research. Finally, she reported that Jim McAteer has the newsletter almost ready; she thanked Jim for his work in compiling the newsletters.

The following conferences and trips were announced: Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society conference, Bowie, Md., Oct. 11 – genealogical research in the 21st century (we have brochures); State Library of Pa. Genealogy Day, at the Forum, Sept. 20, topics include genealogy on the web, resources at the State Library, African-American genealogy, and cemeteries; Federation of Genealogy Societies conference, Phila., Sept. 3 to 6 (we have brochures); Juniata County Historical Society bus trip to the National Archives, Oct. (date not firm yet), pick-ups in Mifflintown and Boscov's Camp Hill (Jim McAteer has e-mail contact).

President Richwine announced a board meeting at 1:30 p.m. the day of our Sept. meeting. Our Sept. speaker will be Linda Piekut of the West Shore genealogy society on Heritage Quest, an on-line collection of 5 genealogy databases.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. Freda Yocum asked if anyone knew when it became illegal in Pa. to marry one's first cousin. There was discussion on the topic, but no one had an answer.

Ken Frew, librarian for the Historical Society of Dauphin County spoke about genealogical resources there and in the Harrisburg archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

September 14, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held September 14, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Nineteen members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the August meeting; they were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine reported on the board meeting held before the regular meeting: Our 2009 field trip will be on a Sunday, we don't know which Sunday yet, in June, to the Lebanon County Historical Society. The vacancy on our board will be filled by Fern Keefer Boyer. The 2009 refreshment sheet is circulating; funds are available for anyone who would like to bring refreshments but doesn't have the funds.

President Richwine reminded the group of the State Library of Pa. Genealogy Day, at the Forum, Sept. 20.

Marion O'Neal, Rich Rudisill, and Gladys Dunleavy were nominated for the nominating committee, with Marion as chair. President Richwine instructed them to report in November, with 2009 officers to take office at the end of the November meeting.

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

Linda Piekut of the West Shore genealogy society gave a presentation on Heritage Quest.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

October 12, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held October 12, 2008, 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 September meeting; they were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes.

President Richwine announced the Light's Fort October Fest, October 26, at 11th & Maple Streets in Lebanon, featuring a living history lecture.

Treasurer O'Neal, nominating committee chair, asked anyone interested in being an officer to see her after the meeting.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. Charlotte Lotz described the "brick wall" she's hit tracing the ancestry of her grandfather Vance, who was born in 1824. She knows his parents' names (they lived in Cumberland County), but hasn't found the family in the census or tax lists. Jim McAteer suggested the Latter Day Saints, who now have two websites.

Esther Richwine and Ricki Hammell spoke on the history of Roberts Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

November 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held November 9, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. President Esther Richwine called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Twenty members and guests were present.

Secretary Freda Yocum read the minutes of the October meeting; they were accepted as read. Treasurer Marion O'Neal read the treasurer's report, which is on file with these minutes, and announced that dues for 2009 can be paid in November or December.

Treasurer O'Neal, nominating committee chair, presented the committee's report as follows: President – Esther Richwine, vice-president – Jim McAteer, secretary – Freda Yocum, treasurer – Marion O'Neal, directors – Fern Boyer, Karl Fox, and Rich Rudisill. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

President Richwine thanked the new and returning directors and officers, and also Robin Lighty, who will be speaking all over Pa. next year, in connection with his job, on the history of work, injury, death, and disaster in Pa. coal mines, and will therefore not have time to serve on our board.

President Richwine then opened the floor for genealogical questions. There were no questions, but Deborah White Hershey invited everyone to the Dauphin County Naturalization Court on Wednesday the 12th at 11 a.m. to witness the naturalization ceremony.

Jonathan Stayer, head of the reference section of the Pa. State Archives, gave a presentation on the genealogical resources in the archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary

December 14, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Capital Area Genealogical Society was held December 14, 2008, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. Twelve members and guests were present. There was no business meeting, but President Esther Richwine gave a brief report.

The website had been down, but is now back up. There are still some blanks on the refreshment schedule. President Richwine appointed an audit committee of Freda Yocum,

Marion O'Neal, and Jim McAteer; and instructed them to meet after the January meeting to perform the annual audit.

President Richwine announced the following programs: January – John Lyter of the Dauphin/Middle Paxton Historical Society; February – Michael Barton on Harrisburg's old eighth ward; March – Tony Orsini on the Amish; April – Robin Lighty on the history of work, injury, death, and disaster in Pa. coal mines; May – Steve Runkle on the Gettysburg Campaign; June – we'll share our genealogical research experiences; July – no meeting; October – we'll visit the Lebanon County Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda J. Yocum
Secretary