

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club

May 5, 2016

Patty Burke called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM on May 5, 2016. Ms Burke introduced herself and explained that she was taking the place of our president, Kerry Wolfe, who was on vacation.

Speaker

Dennis Holt introduced the speaker, Duane Roen, who works at Arizona State University. Mr Roen's talk was about writing a family history and especially about how to get started. He mentioned that he does many different types of workshops for groups.

Mr Roen suggested participating in a writers' group to get feedback on one's writing. Other writers can ask useful questions that may encourage the writer to expand on a subject and add important details that make the work more understandable and interesting to the reader.

Mr. Roen provided examples from his own life to illustrate his points in a clear and entertaining manner. He emphasized that writing is a process and the important thing is to:

1. get ideas on paper without worrying about writing them well;
2. do research to flesh out the ideas, maybe in a historic context;
3. present the ideas and supporting research in a more organized fashion;
4. Revise, revise, rethink;
5. Edit to make it fit for publishing.

Who to focus on? Identify the family member who evokes the most memories, and write about that person, weaving the family history into their story

Mr. Roen promoted daily journaling as a way of informing future generations about your own life. He said we have a duty to document the details of our lives.

Guests

Next, guests were asked to introduce themselves and tell us what they are researching. The guests were:

- Sharon Wangren
- Rhonda Yancy
- Joan Allen
- Cathy Plum, who is a new member
- Lance Nelson
- Abby Green

April Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the April meeting, which was our annual luncheon, were not available.

Finance Report

Dennis Holt gave the finance report and reported the following:

- Savings: \$3,000
- Petty Cash: \$46
- Checking at the beginning of the month: \$2,195.82
- Expenditures: \$754.42
- Checking balance at the end of the month: \$1,141.40

Thank You Letter

Ms Burke informed us of a thank you letter from Lorraine Daily Jones, Arizona Historical Society, thanking the club for the \$150 donation for the acquisition and preservation of quilts. The donation was inspired by a talk earlier this spring about a quilt that documented people who lived in Southern Arizona in the late 1800's. Ms Daily Jones invited the club to tour the Historical Society's museum in September.

Election of Officers

Joan Kablewski read the report from the nominating committee detailing their work in April to identify candidates for club offices. There were no volunteers for any of the offices.

Dennis Holt read the slate of officer candidates, which consisted of the current officers, all of whom have agreed to serve another term. Gloria Quigg moved to accept the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded. (by ?)

New Business

There was no new business.

Miscellaneous

One of the visitors offered to loan the library her genealogy reference books.

The Pima County Genealogy Society is sponsoring a writing contest.

Gloria Quigg mentioned that she was considering offering a workshop on DNA with a focus on the new tools Ancestry.com is offering for using DNA to identify living relatives as well as ancestors.

Door Prizes

Carol Tibor and ? won door prizes.