

## **Meeting Minutes - SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club September 2, 2016**

Pat Spencer opened the September meeting of the SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club at 1:03 P.M. She explained that she was chairing the meeting because Kerry Wolfe was away on vacation.

### **Interesting Quotes**

Pat shared several quotes about grandparents in honor of Grandparents' Day this month.

### **New Members**

One new member introduced herself. She is Susan Parker who moved to SaddleBrooke three years ago from northern California. She is interested in researching her Irish ancestors.

### **Introduction of Officers for 2016 - 2017**

Pat introduced this year's officers. She announced that the club needs a publicity person to write articles for the local newspapers. No one volunteered at the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pat gave the treasurer's report. The club has:

- \$3,000.00 - savings account
- \$40.00 - cash
- \$1,441.40 - checking account
- +\$395.00 - deposits
- \$49.61 - expenditures
- \$1,786.79 - Ending balance in checking account as of Aug. 31, 2016

### **Audit Committee Report**

Sharon Scanlon is chair of the audit committee, and Gloria Quigg and Tom Larkin are members. The committee audited the club's books. They recommended better documentation of the speakers' honorarium fee, and that has been implemented. They found the books in good order. There were a lot of transactions, but they were well accounted for.

### **Report on Roots Magic Software Program**

Dave Tiefenbach provided an overview of Roots Magic, the genealogy/family tree computer program. Roots Magic will sync with [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) by the end of 2016, just as Family Tree Maker does now. It will also have green leaves to alert users when there are hints available for their ancestors.

Currently Family Tree Maker is selling for \$29.95, but the price is going up to \$69.95. It can be used on only one computer. Roots Magic's price is \$29.95 and it can be used on as many computers as you want. It is available for both PC's and Macs at the same

price. Roots Magic has all the capabilities of Family Tree Maker and may even be a little better. The people at Roots Magic are very helpful. Dave plans to teach a class on Roots Magic through the computer club in January or February 2017. He will probably start using Roots Magic himself when the next Family Tree Maker upgrade comes due.

### **Discussion on Future Speaker Topics, Workshops, Field Trips and Special Interest Groups**

Pat asked Gloria Quigg to lead the discussion on future speaker topics, field trips, special interest groups, education and research.

Gloria announced that she will be teaching a genealogy class starting Tuesday.

Someone asked what a special interest group would do. Gloria explained that this would be a small group of people interested in a specific topic. The group would meet periodically at members' homes to discuss their topic. Some possible special interest group topics are Swedish, Irish/Northern Irish, Italian, English, and German (encompassing Prussian, Polish, and Austrian) research; Revolutionary and or Civil War research; and DNA research. The group could decide how often they wanted to meet and what topics to discuss at each meeting.

Next Gloria asked for ideas for future speaker topics and/or classes, workshops and field trips. The following topics were suggested:

- Tracing female ancestors - speaker topic
- Interpreting DNA test results - speaker topic
- European history, especially as it relates to border changes (It was noted that this could be a 3 hour workshop)
- Historic cemeteries - speaker topic or field trip to local cemeteries
- Salt Lake City as a resource - speaker topic and/or trip
- The Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix - field trip
- The Mesa Family History Center (when it re-opens) - field trip
- The University of Arizona library genealogy resources - field trip
- Genealogy conference in Tempe or Mesa - field trip
- Genealogy conference in Casa Grande - field trip
- Local Tucson Mormon genealogy center on Magee Rd. - field trip

### **Unfinished Business**

Pat Spencer asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

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### **Future Speakers**

Pat announced that the speaker for October is Melanie Sturgeon. The title of her talk is "I Do, I Did, I Died," and she will be discussing court house research.

The speaker for November is Marcia Allen whose talk is “Things I wish I knew at the beginning.”

### **The Club Library**

Pat reminded us of the extensive selection of books available through the club’s library. Pat said she was making a commitment to check out one book from our library each month and read it.

### **Genealogy Class**

The dates for the genealogy class Gloria Quigg will teach were announced. They are:

- Thursday, Sept. 8, 9 - 11
- Friday, Sept. 9, 9 - 11
- Wednesday, Sept. 14, 9 - 11
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 9 - 11
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 9 - 11

All classes will meet in the same room where the club’s meetings are held. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

### **Door Prizes**

The door prize drawing was held. The winners are Christine Nelson and Pat Spencer.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Pat Spencer adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Christine Nelson (filling in for Patty Burke, Secretary)