

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club
Minutes of Club Meeting on February 1, 2018

President Carol Tibor called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 PM.

Guests and New Members

President Tibor welcomed guests and new members who included:

- Tom Flood
- Irene Perry
- Richard Mollica, husband of Lee Mollica, a long-time club member who passed away recently. (He brought back some items that were in her desk.)
- Ruth & Eric Robinson
- Jeff & Annette Weil
- Bonnie Golden
- Jan Cahill
- Mickey Burnham
- Carol Lewis

Business Meeting

President Tibor asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the January meeting. There were none, so the minutes stand approved as written.

Pat Rourke gave the treasurer's report.

New Business

Roots Magic Classes: It was announced that Dave Tiefenbach has been teaching classes on Family Tree Maker, the genealogy software program, for several years. He recently switched to Roots Magic and will be teaching classes on this software program through the Computer Club.

FTM SIG: Gloria Quigg is managing a Special Interest Group on Family Tree Maker for current users. The SIG meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9 - 11 AM in the Coyote Room.

Luncheon: The Genealogy Club annual recognition luncheon will be held on March 1st. President Tibor e-mailed sign-up forms to members, and there are forms available at the back of the room for those who want to sign up today for the luncheon.

A volunteer is needed to help Bonnie Lucas greet people coming into the meeting room, hand out prize tickets, manage name tags, and answer questions. Someone volunteered.

President Tibor asked if there were any other announcements. There were none.

Door Prizes: The door prize drawing was held. Winners were Bonnie Krause and Chris Nelson.

The Speaker

Patty Burke introduced the speaker, Mrs. Ben Franklin, played by Karen Hall. "Mrs. Franklin" began to tell us about Ben Franklin and her life as his wife. Everything interested Ben Franklin, and he looked for ways to make life easier for people. For example, he:

- Made changes in the postal service to improve service for only a small fee.
- Designed bifocals.
- Drew up the Albany Plan to encourage the colonies to work together on trade.
- Unraveled some mysteries such as lightning.
- Organized the first fire department in Philadelphia for which residents paid a fee.
- Founded a hospital in Pennsylvania. All hospitals today are modeled after his.
- Published his almanac for 25 years to encourage people to improve.

Franklin and his wife, Deborah, had three children. William, the first child, was Governor of New Jersey. He was a Loyalist which created a rift between himself and his father. Francis, the second son, got smallpox at age 4 and died. This led Ben to advocate vaccination. Their daughter, Sarah, was educated by her father.

Franklin was good at talking people into things. He helped repeal the Stamp Act.

At one point Franklin was called before the British Governor. For 2 hours he was shouted at, insulted, and called names. He was furious and realized war was inevitable. The Revolutionary War ended in 1783, due in large part to Franklin's negotiating skill. He wrote the Treaty of Paris that both sides signed to end the war.

He died at age 87. 20,000 people came to his funeral and the cemetery to honor him and his accomplishments.

The meeting ended at approximately 2:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Nelson, Secretary.