

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Minutes of Meeting on September 5, 2019

Vice President Rondie Yancey opened the meeting at approximately 1:02 pm. She explained that President Carol Tibor was in Colorado, so she was filling in for President Tibor. VP Yancey welcomed the guests and new members and asked them to tell us a little about what they are researching. The guests were Jean, Margie and Dee. No last names were provided.

Audit

VP Yancey said the annual audit of the club's finances was completed. The report will be posted on the website where members can review it before voting on whether to accept it.

AV Volunteer

VP Yancey asked for a volunteer to set up our AV equipment before each meeting, and Gloria Quigg added that she is willing to train the person who volunteers and be a back-up for them. Cheryl Galligoa volunteered and has arranged to meet with Gloria Quigg shortly before the next meeting for training.

Officers

VP Yancey introduced the officers who were elected in May of this year, as well as the volunteers who help run many of our functions. We do not have someone to handle publicity, so VP Yancey asked for a volunteer, but none was forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Rourke, Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report covering April 30th through August 31st. She said she transferred the money in the club's savings account to the checking account because the bank was going to start charging a fee for having a savings account. There was \$2,000 in the savings account at the start, and the balance is now 0, because the money was transferred to checking. Petty cash has \$41.50 at the beginning and at the end. The checking account started the period with \$1,122.50. There were deposits of \$165.00 plus the \$2,000 from the savings account. Expenditures totaled \$408.17. The final balance for the checking account was \$2,878.33.

Talk

Rondie Yancey was our speaker for this month, and her topic was Google and its many features that genealogists find useful. Her suggestions included the following:

Search Google for free pictures to use to illustrate stories you might write about your ancestors.

Search *YouTube* for the period actor Townsend who acts out what life was like for our ancestors during colonial days.

You will need to establish a Google account to use some of some features. For other features, having a Google account makes it easier to use them.

Google Drive is a free space in which to store electronic files You will have 15 GB of space which should accommodate a lot of documents.

Google Books has a huge collection of old books that have been scanned. Those designated as e-books are free to download. Search for information about your ancestors among these books.

Google Translate can be used to translate foreign languages.

Use *Google Alerts* by entering the name of an ancestor you are researching and birth year, and you will be alerted to any sources that are added after you did your last search.

Use *Google Photo* to store and organize your photos and create albums and photo books.

Google Blogger can help you create and monitor a genealogy blog for exchanging information.

Google Docs is a word processing program just like Word but free.

Google Contacts is a place to list your friends and relatives and their contact information.

Google Hangout can be used to message people or see and hear them. It can host a lot of people and they can share information.

Google Earth can be used to explore the places your ancestors used to live.

Ms. Yancey also shared information about the Bureau of Land Management and how to find information on line.

Google has historical maps on line, so you can see what an area looked like in earlier times.

Other Announcements

Gloria Quigg announced that Roots Tech will be held in Salt Lake City February 25-29. You can sign up at RootsTech.org. Now is the time to reserve a hotel room, and the most convenient hotel is the Plaza Hotel.

Door Prizes

Winners of door prizes were Cynthia Karcher and Audrey Costello.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Nelson, Secretary