

## SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Minutes of Meeting on May 2, 2019

President Carol Tibor called the meeting to order at approximately 1:06 P.M.

### Visitors

President Tibor welcomed two visitors, Celia Johnson and Vladimir Langer, and today's speaker, Suzanne Young Brayer.

### Speaker

Patty Burke introduced Ms. Brayer. She told us that Ms. Brayer studied historical research in college, and this led her to her interest in genealogy research. Ms. Brayer's topic for today is How to Track Immigrant Ancestors which will include some strategies for finding out where our immigrant ancestors came from.

Ms. Brayer said there are different kinds of records that can give us clues as to where our ancestors came from. What kinds of documents will give you the proof you are looking for?

Ms. Brayer said there are some terms we need to be sure we understand.

- *Immigrant* means someone who is coming into a country. Think of the "I" in immigrant and into.
- *Emigrant* means some who is exiting a country. Think of the "E" in emigrant and exit.
- *Migrants* mean people who are moving one area to another, often within a country.
- *Naturalization* is the process of becoming a citizen. Note that this is not a requirement to be in this country.
- *Alien* means a legal resident of the country.

Ms. Brayer stressed the importance of using a research log to document what you intend to research and what **you** found out.

Ms. Brayer reviewed some of the events that caused immigrants to leave their country and come to America, including the potato famine in Ireland and the Homestead Act in America.

She discussed various sources of information that can provide clues as to the immigrant's home country. Naturalization papers and ships' passenger lists are two important sources. Also [www.genesearch.com](http://www.genesearch.com) has alien registrations.

### Business Meeting

Following the talk, the business meeting was held.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved as posted.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Rourke presented the treasurer's report.

The beginning balance for the checking account was \$1,081.38 on April 1, 2019. There were deposits of \$1,030.00 and withdrawals of \$988.88 for a final balance of \$1,128.50. Petty cash remains at \$41.50. The savings account started with a balance of \$3,000.00. \$1,000 was withdrawn and shifted to the checking account with a final balance of \$2,000 in savings.

Treasurer Pat Rourke presented the Proposed Budget for 2019 – 2020. There was a motion to accept the budget as presented and the motion passed.

## **Election of Officers**

President Tibor asked Kerry Wolfe, the head of the nominating committee to come forward and present the list of candidates for office. The candidates are:

President: Carol Tibor

Vice President: Rondie Yancey

Treasurer: Pat Rourke

Secretary: Christine Nelson

Member at Large: Jan Cahill

President Tibor asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. She asked **for** those in favor of electing the candidates as presented; those not in favor. The candidates were elected unanimously.

## **Library**

Patty Burke announced that although she is stepping down as Vice President, she will continue to work on the library. She noted that about 40 genealogy books are available at the Desert View Library. She reported that two books were donated recently that are duplicates of books we already have. There is no room for them, so she asked that either the donor take them back or they would be donated to the Golden Goose.

Someone asked if the books in our library are listed on the website. Yes, they are listed on the website.

Ms. Burke announced that next year we will start having book reviews of some of the books that are available.

## **Club Website**

President Tibor asked how many people access the club's website. Many hands were raised.

## **Summer Meetings**

There will be informal meetings during the summer with no planned speakers. An email announcing each informal meeting and proposed activity during the meeting will be sent out to notify summer residents who wish to attend.

The Irish SIG will not meet during the summer.

**Door Prizes**

Winners of the door prizes were Kathy Plum and Sandy Williamson.

President Tibor adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Nelson  
Secretary