

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Minutes of November 3, 2018 Meeting

President Carol Tibor called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Visitors

President Tibor invited the visitors to stand up and introduce themselves. There were two visitors: Cheryl Gallagos and Pam Upchurch.

Sherry Hessick, Speaker

President Tibor welcomed the speaker, Sherry Hessick. President Tibor noted that Ms. Hessick has 20 years experience in genealogy including teaching, writing and doing research. She has a certification in genealogy from Boston University.

Sherry Hessick gave her talk on A Recipe for a Successful Genealogy Research Trip. Some of her key tips are as follows. Know the hours of the site you are visiting. Call before going to make sure the person who knows what you want to know is going to be there. Have a Plan B in case the site is closed for some unexpected reason.

Consult an online catalog for the site to see what they have that might be useful to you.

Find out in advance what you can bring with you to the site. For example, some sites do not allow you to bring your own paper and pencil. May you bring your cell phone, laptop? Do they have storage lockers for items you bring with you but can't bring into the research room?

Other things to research in advance include local lodging, parking and public transportation.

To focus your research, narrow your focus to 1 to 3 families. Create a timeline for each family. Analyze evidence from the timeline. Include dates, events, comments and records. Decide what you want to know.

The book, "Research Like a Pro," was recommended.

Minutes of the October Meeting

President Tibor asked that the minutes from the October meeting be read as they had not been posted on the club's website prior to the meeting. Christine Nelson, secretary, read the minutes, and they were accepted without changes.

Treasurer's Report

President Tibor called for the treasurer's report. Pat Rourke, Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report. The club has \$3,000 in savings and \$41.50 in petty cash. The checking account

balance at the beginning of the month was \$967.94. With receipts of \$105 and expenditures of \$148.93 the final balance was \$924.09.

December Speaker

Patty Burke announced that the December speaker will be Pam Ingermanson whose topic will be How to Navigate the Family Search Website.

Ms. Burke also announced that the Friends of the Library will have a speaker, Carolyn O'Bagay Davis, whose topic will be "The Cameron Trading Post." The date of this event is December 20th.

Basic Genealogy Class

Rondie Yancey will teach a basic Genealogy Class starting on Monday afternoon, November 19th. This will be a five week class for new genealogists as well as experienced genealogists who want to brush up on basics. There will be 2 classes in November and 3 classes in December. There will be a fee to cover the cost of materials. Sign up on the clipboard being circulated.

Special Interest Groups -SIGS

President Tibor announced that if you wish to start a SIG, let her know. The Irish SIG wants to continue.

Door Prizes

The drawing for door prizes yielded two winners: Sue Reggentin and Leslie Kennedy. Pat Rourke explained how to redeem door prizes, and noted that you can redeem the door prize for up to \$30 for any genealogy-related item or a meal at one of the SaddleBrooke restaurants.

President Tibor adjourned the meeting,

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Nelson, Secretary