

Larimer County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2008
Harmony Library
Harmony and Shields Street
Fort Collins
Community Room

President Ken Goldsberry welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. He presented the attached agenda.

Introduction of Visitors

President Goldsberry then introduced and welcomed visitors who were attending the meeting. Visitors included: Sharon Foster, Marge Michauy, Carolyn Lumar, Judy Krieger, Ron Krasovich, Ethel Mae Atherton, Karen Wente and Carol Diaczun.

Announcements

Nominations

A Nominating Committee is being formed; at present the committee consists of Carol Stetser and Barbara Sullivan. Ken suggested that another committee member would be helpful, and he suggested that members consider volunteering. He further informed the members that nominations are being solicited for a president, corresponding secretary and at-large director. Anyone who would like to be considered for any of these offices should contact the Nominating Committee or any member of the Board.

In addition, several committee chairs, including Membership and Hospitality, are resigning at the end of the year. Volunteers are also needed to fill these positions.

Volunteer of the Year

Education Committee Chair Bob Larson described a new program that is being implemented which will recognize a "Volunteer of the Year". He told everyone that he has prepared nomination forms (see attached) so that members can nominate the person that they feel has done the most to help the Society during the past two years. The Education Committee will review the nominations and select the year's recipient who will be honored at the Holiday Dinner with a plaque and a gift subscription to a genealogical periodical.

Recycle Table

Recycle Table Chair Cathi Smith announced that she is offering ten magazines for a dollar this evening; she encouraged everyone to check out all the new items that have

been donated. In addition, she stated that every first time visitor will receive a complimentary copy of a magazine from the Recycle Table.

Cathi reported that she has been keeping the Society Scrapbook for several years; she would like someone else to take over starting in January. She suggested that anyone interested contact her.

Small Groups

Sonny Hygh has been working to organize small groups that would meet informally and help participants with their own research questions and problems. Sonny was out of town this evening, but Hap Hazard announced that he has a questionnaire (see attached) that interested members should fill out and return.

At this point a break for refreshments and conversation was taken.

Guest Speaker

Gwen Kelly introduced Bob Benedict, who gave a program on DNA. Bob is an accomplished and experienced genealogist who specializes in genetic genealogy (see attached handout).

Bob's program was organized into three sections. The first section discussed the basics of genetic genealogy and was fairly scientific in nature. The second section described mutations and migrations and how, through the use of results from DNA tests, deep genealogy can give genealogists clues about origins and migrations of their ancient ancestors. The final section of the talk involved a case study showing Bob's own ancestry and how he has used DNA results to speculate on the origins of his own family and to add to the historic record that he has compiled.

Business Meeting

Due to the length of the program, the majority of the business meeting was postponed until next month.

Genealogy Gems

Nancy Abrahams mentioned that she has participated in the National Geographic Genographic Project. Ken Goldsberry stated that he had found some DNA information on the Goldsberry Family online.

CCGS Report

Societies Rep Marilyn Rudd reported that she had attended the recent CCGS meeting in Denver and reported that there will be a Palatine Workshop on October 25 and a Computer Interest Group meeting on November 8. Both of these programs will be held

in Denver. If anyone is interested in either of these programs, they can contact Marilyn for more information.

Hospitality

Hospitality Chair Carrie Graves circulated a clipboard to solicit volunteers to provide treats for the November meeting.

Final Announcements

Ken remarked to everyone that the Library has provided new chairs for the meeting room. Everyone seemed to feel that they are very comfortable.

Len Ray reminded everyone that if they have interest in filling any of the vacancies in the Society on either the Board or any of the committees, they can contact any member of the Board. Current Board members will be happy to answer any questions they may have and will also see that they receive a copy of the Policy and Procedures Manual, which details the duties of each position.

Bob Larson reported that Paul Smith will be presenting a workshop on scanners and digital cameras at the Loveland Library on October 18. No advance registration is required; everyone is invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.