

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Minutes of the Meeting
February 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Ben Kman hosted the meeting on Zoom. Approximately 16 participants attended virtually.

The January 2021 meeting minutes were read aloud and approved.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of Jan. 5, 2021 was \$3,878.63. Income was \$266.00 for dues, 43 cents interest, \$24.00 donations, and \$46.28 for other, making a total income of \$336.71. Expenses were \$75 for last month's speaker and \$16 for rent (Zoom), for total expenses of \$91.00. Our net income for the month was \$245.71. Our current balance is \$4,124.34.

Ben created an annual financial report for 2020, which he shared with the group. The monthly and yearly treasurer's reports were approved.

Vice President Michael Speare reported membership is currently 55 members. Eleven people have yet to renew for 2021. Welcome to new member Emily Good of New York, NY!

Old Business

Ben Kman shared that the new Huntington Bank account issues have been resolved. Our previous account at Third Federal will be closed shortly.

Michael Speare will continue to email members who have not yet renewed for 2021. Those who do not renew will not receive the Zoom links for our monthly meetings going forward. President Anthonette Baciak requested that we not share the Zoom links with non-members.

Ben Kman emailed the draft of our new bylaws to membership on January 24th. Based on feedback received, we will delay the membership vote while the suggestions are taken into consideration. The Bylaw Committee will review changes and present them for membership vote upon completion, hopefully at the March membership meeting.

Ben received IRS notification inviting us to file our taxes. He will do so shortly.

Michael Speare reported he has begun updating our website. He has been learning HTML coding for this task. Thank you for your efforts, Michael!

New Business

President Anthonette Baciak announced that the Executive Board will begin to have scheduled meetings under our new bylaws soon.

Anthonette shared some facts about Polish bibles that she learned in her Galician Family History Group. She learned that Protestant bibles had 66 books while Catholic bibles had 73 books. Members discussed how bibles might be used for genealogy research.

Lucia Dominick shared that she's been using the Cleveland Necrology File through the Cleveland Public Library to search her family surnames. She shared an interesting discovery about a shooting by a relative. The Necrology File is searchable at home for free with a Cleveland Public Library card.

It's paczki time! Art Lauer recommended Kiedrowski's Bakery in Amherst, and Ben Kman recommended Stan's Northfield Bakery.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Michael Speare presented "Fun with Technology" which covered photo editing, saving and storage of media, sharing your genealogy online, and backup methods. Demonstrations of various tools were made. His slide naming different cloud storage options, and their prices, will be emailed to members after the meeting as requested.

The meeting concluded at 8:56 pm.