

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Minutes of the Meeting
January 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Member Ben Kman hosted the meeting on Zoom. Approximately 23 participants attended virtually.

The December 2020 meeting minutes were read aloud and approved.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of Jan. 5, 2021 was \$3,740.09. Income was \$384 for dues and interest of 42 cents, for a total income of \$410.42. Expenses were \$16 for rent (Zoom), \$23.60 postage, \$111.00 newsletter, \$75.00 printing, and \$46.28 supplies, for a total expense of \$271.88. Our net income for the month was \$138.54. Our current balance is \$3,878.63.

Vice President Michael Speare reported membership is currently 65 members. (This includes members who have not yet renewed for 2021.) Welcome to newly returned member Wayne Hacholski from Orange, CA who has rejoined for 2021.

Old Business

Ben Kman reported issues with Huntington Bank's handling of our new bank account. Ben and Michael are working with Huntington to get the issues resolved. If not resolved quickly, Ben will take our business to a different bank.

Ben shared that our organization is now an affiliate of the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut. The first virtual lecture is this Saturday, Jan 9, 2021. For more information, contact dorenaw@paf-ct-org or visit their website. Michael Speare added that the PAF is also offering upcoming Polish language classes. If interested in the language classes, email PGSGC@yahoo.com for more info.

New Business

Anthonette announced that our Bylaw Committee will meet virtually on January 13, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom. If the bylaws are finalized, they will be presented for a vote at the February monthly meeting.

Anthonette offered our sympathies to member Mary Louise Hill on the recent loss of her mother.

Lucia Dominak shared her collection of Polish dolls and artifacts.

Ben Kman announced that polishorigins.com/academy/ has free research tutorial videos online.

Visitor Nancy Eckles from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society attended our meeting to hear tonight's speaker.

Mary Louise Hill asked that anyone familiar with the Gorzynski family of 6722 Chambers Ave, St Stanislaus area, reach out. She is researching this area for her family and is particularly interested in stories and personal experiences of life in this part of Cleveland.

Michael Speare pondered whether we could catalog which of our members originate from the same parishes or areas around Cleveland.

Members reminisced about life in Cleveland during its industrial heyday.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

This month's guest speaker was Stephen Wendt who presented "Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study". Mr Wendt provided a brief overview of Prussian historical basics and German genealogical terms before beginning his Wendt family case study. He concluded his presentation by demonstrating how to use Meyers Gazetteer and Kartenmeister to locate the names and locations of Prussian villages in German and Polish.

Check out Mr Wendt's Prussian Genealogy Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/prussiangenealogy.

A handout for the presentation was emailed to members previous to the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm.