

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Ben Kman hosted the meeting on Zoom. Approximately 15 participants attended virtually.

The February 2021 meeting minutes were read aloud and approved.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of Feb. 2, 2021 was \$4,125.34. Income was \$96.00 for dues and \$0.62 interest, making a total income of \$96.62. Expenses were \$16 for rent (Zoom fee), \$16.50 for postage, \$13.87 for supplies, and \$51.28 for administrative (banking fees), for total expenses of \$97.65. Our net income for the month was -\$1.03. Our current balance is \$4,124.31.

Our Jan. 2021 and Feb 2021 treasury reports were amended due to a data entry error, leading to a \$1.00 discrepancy, which has been discovered and corrected.

Ben has filed our tax form, and we are now compliant with the IRS.

Vice President Michael Speare reported we currently have 59 members. All new members that joined after June 2020 have renewed their membership for the full year of 2021.

Old Business

Michael Speare reported that our latest newsletter has been sent out. President Anthonette Baciak added that we are exploring options for a new, lower-priced printing company for our newsletter production.

Ben Kman reported that our sole bank account is now Huntington Bank. Our Third Federal account is formally closed.

Cori Mesenger introduced discussion about our Facebook group status. Members discussed the pros and cons of keeping the page public vs moving to private. A majority vote agreed to leave the Facebook page public for the time being.

Michael Speare updated us on our website status. He's been cleaning up the cosmetics of our website and working on a larger update to be released in coming weeks.

Michael announced that the board, as well as former webmaster Trina Galauner, is investigating the idea of upgrading our webpage. Discussion is underway about leaving our free Rootsweb platform and upgrading to a more modern webpage with our own domain name. The board is investigating options and will report back. Anyone with computer skills who is interested in helping with the website upgrade, please contact Michael Speare.

New Business

Ben Kman stated that the revised bylaws were emailed to members on Feb. 24, 2021. Michael Speare made a motion to accept the bylaws as given. Lucia Dominick seconded the motion. Those present voted unanimously in favor of the new bylaws. Including member emails Ben received prior to tonight's meeting, the final vote was 24 yes, 35 abstained, and zero nays. The new bylaws were approved!

Elaine Weiss reported that she found her great-grandfather's brother, leading to the addition of several hundred people to her family tree! She has received wonderful family photos from her new connection.

Michael Speare shared an experience with street name changes in the census.

Anthonette Baciak shared the discovery that the street she grew up on (Collier Ave/66th) had the original house the pastor lived in during the historic Immaculate Heart split.

Anthonette thanked the Bylaw Committee for their efforts. She will appoint a Financial Committee to formally review the 2020 financial reports.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Tonight's presentation was a recorded session: "Genealogy TV: Learn about how to research your Polish ancestors from three board members of the Polish Genealogical Society of America". The presenters demonstrated various websites helpful to Polish genealogy. The presentation can be viewed at no cost on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/i4FsVQFulw0>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.