

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Minutes of the Meeting
May 4, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Approximately 22 participants attended virtually.

The April 2021 meeting minutes were read aloud and approved.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of Apr. 6, 2021 was \$3,946.31. Income was \$20.00 for dues. Expenses were \$16 for rent (Zoom fee) and \$10.17 for marketing (purchase of PGSGC.org domain name). Our total expenses were \$26.17, leaving a net loss for the month of \$6.17. Our current balance is \$3,940.14. The treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President Michael Speare reported the addition of one renewal, Georgene Jasinski, for a current total of 62 members.

Old Business

Michael provided the following update on our website: We purchased the pgsgc.org domain name from GoDaddy. Michael is learning the software needed to build our new webpage. When he is ready to begin building, we will need to purchase a host at the cost of \$80-100 per year. The tentative hope is to have a new website underway this fall. Thank you for all the effort on this project, Michael! Thank you as well to Trina Galauner for her years of work on our current website. Anyone interested in helping with the website development, please contact Michael Speare.

President Anthonette Baciak is seeking multiple printing quotes for the brochure created by Secretary Corina Mesenger. Anthonette asks that anyone with printing connections reach out to her. She hopes to have this project completed by September, in hopes the brochures can be used for marketing the club when events resume. Art Lauterer commented that he has a printer connection and will report back.

New Business

John Szuch's wife, Marlene, contacted Anthonette to discuss donating materials from John's estate. John was president of PGSGC for 25 years. Anthonette will collect the items for the club when they are ready.

Anyone who wants to volunteer material for the newsletter, please contact Trina Galauner! Personal pictures, accompanied by a short story pertaining to Polish genealogy or heritage, are welcome.

The board has begun storing the club's documents online in our Google Drive account that Ben created.

Laura Karendal discussed the Ohio Genealogical Society's inclusion of Polish sessions and suggested we provide our marketing materials. Kim Dmor commented that a paid sponsorship might be required to share our brochure. Kim will follow-up.

Members discussed the opening of Family History Centers, which are still closed due to the pandemic. No word has arrived on when they're opening, but WIFI access to some data may be available in the parking lots. Check with your individual center.

Ralph Tatulinski reported that after 25 years, he found his father's line in West Prussia going back to the 1800's. He made similar progress on his wife's line in the Russian partition. Congratulations on the breakthroughs, Ralph!

Discussion was made about the various terms used for Polish grandparents. Members also discussed Polish name pronunciation and shared memories of Polish language use in their childhoods.

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

Tonight's presentation topic was "Cuyahoga County Archives: Location, logistics and holdings of interest to the genealogist" by Dr. Judith G. Cetina. An overview of the Archives' history and use, as well as types of records relevant to genealogists, was presented. The county archives are currently open by appointment only, or research request forms can be filled out online at <https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/publicworks/archives-hub/research-form>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.