

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Sept. 7, 2021

In-person meetings resumed, at St Mary's in Parma, for the first time since the pandemic began! The meeting was also broadcast live on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Seventeen participants attended in-person, and 11 attended virtually.

The June 2021 meeting minutes were read aloud and approved.

Vice President Michael Speare reported that we have 63 members. Welcome to new members Richard & Jeannine Bogielski, of Seven Hills, who attended in-person tonight. The Bogielskis shared their family history with the group.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of June 1, 2021 was \$3,892.29. Income was \$12.00 for dues. Expenses were \$32 for rent, \$4.20 for postage, \$135.00 for the newsletter, \$51.24 for printing, and \$60.86 for marketing. Our total expenses were \$283.30, leaving a net loss for the month of \$271.30. Our current balance as of September 7, 2021 is \$3,620.99. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Michael Speare shared two documents he had printed. The first was a wedding photo colorized by MyHeritage. The second was a marriage document that our newsletter printer was able to restore and reprint. He recommends both services.

Each member in attendance received our new PGSGC brochure that was created by Secretary Cori Mesenger. Anthonette holds the remaining stock, if needed.

Anthonette shared a reminder on behalf of our Librarian Pat Bakaitis that everyone signs in library books they've borrowed using the proper procedures. Al Figler reported that he's been helping Pat organize our collection of Polish maps.

New Business

We were invited to host a table at the Pierogi Festival on Sunday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 pm in the lot on Ridge Rd and Alber Ave in Parma. Volunteers are needed to staff our table. Please contact Anthonette if interested.

Ben Kman is helping Anthonette digitize our old paper newsletters. Eventually we will have the full newsletter archive digitized.

Helen Wolf from the Cuyahoga County Lineage Group invited us to join their group at no cost. Anthonette opened the idea up for comments.

Anthonette reached out to Marlene Szuch regarding items from John's estate that are related to the club.

The electronic edition of our newsletter will be emailed to members this week.

Michael Speare announced that we've begun building the new website. Members are invited to take and submit digital pictures of Cleveland's Polish landmarks for use on the website. Please submit these to Michael Speare and/or Cori Messenger if interested.

Tonight's presentation topic was "Navigating Autosomal DNA Results & Contacting Matches" by Robert Sliwinski.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 9:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Corina Messenger