

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Meeting Minutes
Apr. 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:13p.m. Twenty-five participants attended the meeting 12 in-person and 13 online.

Vice-President Richard Szczepinski welcomed all in attendance.

Announcements. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski announced a few additions to the agenda – new member Jim Polaczynski introduction and Events/Festival Committee Chairperson Bernadette Berger has event updates.

Meeting Minutes March 2022 were read by Secretary Donald Demor.

Membership Report. New member Jim Polaczynski was in attendance. Membership is now 66.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Ben Kman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for March 2022 \$24.00 dues. Expenses \$16 rent (one ZOOM session), \$48.14 postage, \$135 newsletter, \$36.62 printing, \$21.17 marketing – Godaddy domain name and \$13 check fee. Net loss for the month \$245.93. Balance as of April 5, 2022 \$4,643.903. Project funds remain \$605.

Old Business

- Committees. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski noted members who are committee chairs:
 - o Facebook. Looking for someone to assist with administration
 - o Hospitality (Art Lauterer)
 - o Name Tags (Elaine Rachocki)
 - o Library (Pat Bakaitis/Anthonette Baciak)
 - o Website (Cori Messenger/Michael Speare)
 - o Surnames (Ed Ostry)
 - o Events/Festival (Bernadette Berger)
 - o Cleveland Roundtable representative Richard Szczepinski
- Newsletter Articles. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski stated Trina Glauner and President Michael Speare need members to submit newsletter articles. If you want to submit an article and are concerned about format and content, don't hesitate to ask Trina and Michael for assistance.

New Business

- Events/Festivals.
 - o Committee Chairperson Bernadette Berger reminded the group about Polish Constitution Day/Weekend Apr 29 – May 1. PGSGC will have a table at the

Polish-American Cultural Center Saturday Apr 30 3pm-7pm and Unity Catholic Credit Union 1pm-4pm Sunday May 1. Tables will be staffed in 2-hour shifts; we need a minimum of two people per shift. Anyone interested in working the booth, please contact Bernadette.

- Bernadette has sent a brief PGSGC write-up for Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Casimir and St. Adelbert church bulletins.
- Bernadette reminded the group about Polish American Cultural Center dinners 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- Bernadette contacted WCPN Polish Radio Program about a PGSGC commercial. A one-minute commercial costs \$30.
- 1950 Census. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski mentioned using Steven Morse website for researching 1950 census. Refer to Steven Morse site - How to Access the 1950 Census in One Step - <https://stevemorse.org/census/quiz1950.php>
- Art Lauterer presented Polish Artwork that he recently purchased.
- Jim Polaczynski, our newest member, told us about his genealogy research and how he connected with relatives in Poland. Jim presented his family tree to the group.
- Librarian Pat Bakaitis informed the group all research materials have been cataloged and available in the PGSGC Library.
- Vice-President Richard Szczepinski informed the group, President Michael Speare is recovering from recent surgery.
- Art Lauterer asked us to sign-up for pastry donations June and September.
- Annual Holiday Party – NOT DISCUSSED
- Old Newsletters – NOT DISCUSSED

Program

Treasurer Ben Kman presented *“Searching Polish Cemeteries Online”*. The presentation will be available on our website or through other channels once we finalize a platform to share them.

50/50 Raffle Drawing. 50/50 Raffle took in \$32. Congratulations to Ron Kraine winner of the 50/50 raffle. Ron donated his winnings (\$16) back to the organization. Thank you, Ron!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.