

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Meeting Minutes
Mar. 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Twenty-two participants attended the meeting virtually.

President Michael Speare welcomed all in attendance. Michael asked that we remember those suffering in Ukraine.

Secretary Donald Demor read February 2022 meeting minutes.

Membership Report. President Michael Speare welcomed our newest member Claude Flandro. Claude is from Sagamore Hills.

Treasurer Ben Kman gave the Treasurer's Report. Income for Feb 2022 \$212.00. \$194 dues, \$14 50/50 Raffle and \$4 coffee can. Expenses \$16 rent (one ZOOM session). Net income for the month \$196.00. Balance year-to-date \$4,889.83.

Old Business

- Video Conferencing equipment. Recent setup with cell phone/tripod and use of our own pc in the meetings have made for a positive ZOOM experience. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski recapped video conferencing options and pricing. Tablet and phone might be temporary solution – stay tuned.
- Committees. No reports filed.
- Newsletter Articles. President Michael Speare asked everyone to submit a story for the newsletter – “we, all, have a story to tell.” Nancy Kucharski is indexing our newsletters. Nancy has experience with indexing as she has done this process for the Allen County Library.
- Website. Lucia Wicinski indicated she has Sacred Heart of Jesus photos 1935-1939 posted on the website. Lucia had questions using the photos without permission. Photographs on our site are for members use. If we use photos/images from others outside our group then copyrights become an issue; President Michael Speare was going to follow-up with Lucia.

New Business

- Cleveland Roundtable. Cleveland Roundtable is a group of genealogical societies. Organization meets twice annually. A link PGSGC is available on their website
 - o <http://usgenwebsites.org/OHCuyahoga/Activities/index.html>
 - o Vice-President Richard Szczepinski plans to next roundtable meeting
- Events/Festivals.

- Pat Karabowicz reported Dyngus Day is Easter Monday April 18 in Tremont. Lucia reported she was there 3 years ago – it's more of a social event not an ethnic festival.
- Pat Karabowicz reminded us of St. Stanislaus Festival held in October.
- Pat Bakaitis reported St. Casimir Picnic – 3rd Sunday in August
- President Michael Speare suggested Bernadette Berger and Pam Riggs – exchange information and start work on Events/Festivals Committee.
- Annual Holiday Party. Holiday Party to be held in November. We are looking for volunteers. Details to follow.
- April 5 PGSGC meeting – Vice-President Richard Szczepenski will chair.

Polish and Family Tradition Sharing. President Michael Speare presented *Finding a good Pączki recipe*.

Member Search Spotlight. Members shared genealogy research experiences during *Scaling Brick Walls: Bring your geological brick wall and try to tear it down by crowd sourcing with fellow members*.

50/50 Raffle Drawing – not held since the March meeting was online only.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

