

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. Twenty-seven participants attended the meeting 22 in-person and 5 online.

President Michael Speare welcomed all in attendance.

Treasurer Ben Kman introduced guest speaker Sean Martin. Mr. Martin is Associate Curator for Jewish History at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Program *Why Poland's Jewish History Matters for Jews and Poles* by Sean Martin

Announcements.

- President Michael Speare once again thanked Bernadette Berger for the work, time and talent in setting up our booths at Polish American Cultural Center and Polish Constitution Day Celebration in May.
- President Michael Speare informed the group - Simply Slavic Festival is being held June 17-18 in Youngstown. PGSGC will have a booth Saturday June 18 12am-8pm. We need volunteers to work the booth. Secretary Donald Demor and his wife, Kim have offered to work two hours 12-2. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski, wife Dorothy, President Michael Speare, wife Sandy all have offered to work the festival.

Secretary's Meeting Minutes. Minutes were not read by Secretary Donald Demor. Secretary Demor stated minutes were sent via email prior to the meeting. Submitting minutes allows the organization to focus on meaningful tasks without having to review the past. He, also, noted minutes will be emailed to members within seven days of meeting. Early submission gives everyone an opportunity to review or amend prior to the next meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Ben Kman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for May 2022 \$5.22 coffee can, \$116 dues for total income \$121.22. Expenses \$166 rent (three months' rent and one ZOOM session) and \$135 newsletter for expenses totaling \$301. Net loss for the month \$179.78. Balance as of June 7, 2022, \$4,519.12. Project fund remains \$605. Ron Kraine motioned to approve as read; seconded by Les Rachocki.

Anything New. President Michael Speare asked the group if anyone has findings they wish to discuss? Treasurer Ben Kman found his fourth great-great-grandparents after 10 years of research.

President Michael Speare noted the PGSGC Newsletter is now available and cited his article on the 1950 Census and how to navigate the database.

## Old Business

- Newsletter articles. President Michael Speare asked us to send an article; reminding us “everyone has a story. “ Trina Galauner needs our help.
- Committees
  - o Membership. President Michael Speare asked for a volunteer. Bernadette Berger volunteered. Thank you, Bernadette!!
  - o NameTags. President Michael Speare reminded us – current committee chair Elaine Rachocki will be moving later this year and needs a successor. Anyone interested, please let us know.
  - o Publicity. President Michael Speare told the group Bernadette Berger really needs our help. Anyone interested, please let us know.
  - o Library. Anthonette Baciak informed the group the PGSGC Library is currently closed. Anthonette acknowledged Pat Bakaitis for the wonderful job Pat did setting up Dewey Decimal classification for the reference materials. Unfortunately, PGSGC Library materials were moved to another room and cabinet contents will need to be refiled. President Michael Speare will send an email requesting volunteers to help library material filing.
  - o Facebook. Secretary Donald Demor reminded President Michael Speare about Facebook Administrator opportunity. President Speare said the position is still available. Anyone interested will help Cori Messenger and Trina Galauner. At the meeting, Bernadette Berger volunteered to aid with managing Facebook. NOTE: After the meeting, Lucia Dominak followed-up with Bernadette. Lucia will assume the role of Facebook Administrator. Thank you, Lucia!!
  - o Marketing. The Society needs a flyer/advertisement something can be posted at various locations or given at events. Anthonette Baciak and Bernadette Berger will follow-up.
- Church/ethnic festivals. President Michael Speare reminded members to let us know of any upcoming festivals.
  - o Berni O’Malley informed PGSGC - St. Adelbert Church in Berea will celebrate their 150th anniversary in 2023. St. Adelbert’s was the first Polish Church in Ohio.
  - o Lucia Dominak said St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic is August 28; cost \$10/person.
- Website. President Michael Speare informed the group - meeting minutes and John Grabowski’s Slavic Village presentation are available on PGSGC website.

Membership Report. Membership is now 71. Susan Bem, Aundrea Heschmeyer, Ron Czarnecki, Kathy Lamancusa, Julie Minkunas and Jim Polaczynski all recently joined PGSGC. Welcome to the Society!!

50/50 Raffle Drawing. 50/50 Raffle took in \$50. Congratulations to winner, Steve Dominak!

Our next PGSGC meeting will be Tuesday September 6, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23p.m. Minutes submitted by: Donald J. Demor