

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. Twenty-three participants attended the meeting 13 in-person and 10 online.

Treasurer Ben Kman welcomed all in attendance. President Michael Speare attended remote and Vice-President Richard Szczepinski unable to attend while at the voting polls.

Susan Viemy was a first-time attendee and was welcomed by the group.

Announcements.

- Treasurer Ben Kman informed the group that today May 3 is Polish Constitution Day.
- FOUNDATION for EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY STUDIES (FEEHS) will hold East European Research Conference and workshops July 25-29. Early bird registration available through June 30. Registration link: <https://registration.feefhs.org/>
- Family History Center in Westlake is currently open Tues 10am-2pm and Weds 6pm-8pm.

Thank you to Bernadette Berger for her hard work in setting up booths at Polish-American Cultural Center and Polish Constitution Day Celebration. Lucia Dominak set the standard for our display and Bernadette is "carrying the torch". Again, thank you for organizing our booths and being there.

Meeting minutes were read by Secretary Donald Demor. Bernadette Berger noted a correction to the minutes is necessary as the Secretary incorrectly stated "Bernadette has sent a brief PGSGC write-up for Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Casimir and St. Adelbert church bulletins." Correction should be: Bernadette is looking into possibly posting PGSGC information in church bulletins.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Ben Kman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for April 2022 \$6.00 coffee can, \$20 dues, \$32 50/50 raffle, \$13 other – reimbursement for check fee. Expenses \$16 rent (one ZOOM session). Net income for the month \$55. Balance as of May 3, 2022 \$4,698.90. Project funds remain \$605.

Old Business

- Facebook Administrator. Anyone interested, please contact Cori Messenger.
- Newsletter articles. We are in need to new articles – topics could be death cards, photographs or 1950 census.

New Business

- Zoom meetings to the next level. Possible use of microphone in center of room.

- June 17-18 Simply Slavic Festival Youngstown
- Holiday Party – since some members were not in attendance; this topic was not discussed.
- July 16 Picnic at Polish Cultural Center
- September 11 Patriot Day 5pm Polish Cultural Center
- Old newsletters. Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) have a list. Compare and update.
- PGSGC display. It was noted people who visited PGSGC booth asked about family tree examples. Is it possible to “showcase” a family tree. Members discussed having a real family tree or family tree with fictional names.
- Electronic pay. PayPal account currently locked out. PayPal or Venmo? Venmo is good only if you know the person.
- Membership opportunities. Members discussed membership forms or brochures placed at various locations - WRHS, Fairview Library and churches. Online – Eventbrite? Brecksville Library will not allow. Facebook boost – possible option – costs \$20 to promote an event

Membership Report. Membership is now xx. As note previously, Susan Viemy was a first-time attendee. Ron Czarnecki and his mom, Patricia were also first-time attendees. Ron has a video company and might be able to help us with online meetings.

#### Program

*How Did It Start: Share your story of how/why you started researching your family history*  
Group participation.

50/50 Raffle Drawing. No drawing held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Donald J. Demor