

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.m. Twenty-nine participants attended the meeting 21 in-person and 8 online.

President Michael Speare welcomed all in attendance.

Presentation: *FAN Out! Using Cluster Research to Break Through Brick Walls* by Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz. Handouts emailed to members before the meeting. Presentation recorded and will be available to PGSGC members for 3 months.

Treasurer Ben Kman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for September 2022 \$7.00 coffee can for total income \$7.00. Expenses \$116.00 rent (2 months hall rental (\$50/month) and 1 ZOOM meeting (\$16/month), \$135 Newsletter, \$41.10 printing for expenses totaling \$292.10. Net loss for the month \$285.10. Balance as of October 4, 2022, \$4,015.97. Project fund \$608.

Secretary's Report submitted in writing by Donald Demor. Ron Kraine motion to approve; Lucia Dominak second. Report was approved.

Membership Report given by President Michael Speare. One member joined bringing our membership total to 76. Membership renewals are being taken at this time.

Holiday Party chaired by Vice-President Richard Szczepinski. The event will be held Tuesday November 1 business meeting and dinner. Dinner will be held in St. Mary's Hall basement; an electronic chair assist is available for those in need. St. Mary's PNCC will provide kielbasa and pierogi at cost to PGSGC. Pierogi will be potato and cheese or sauerkraut. PGSGC members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. St. Mary's Ladies Club will prepare kielbasa and pierogi. St. Mary's Ladies Club will address kitchen help. Members are asked to help set-up/clean-up tables. Members are asked to help set-up and clean-up our areas as needed. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Richard Szczepinski via email at vicepresident@pgsgc.org . Cost to attend is \$10 per member. This will help defray the cost of main course. Members interested in attending but have limited funds please send Richard an email and the Society will assist. Richard will send email to PGSGC members. Please make checks payable to PGSGC.

Publicity Committee. Bernadette Berger needs volunteers for PGSGC booth at St. Stanislaus Festival Friday Oct 7 and Saturday Oct 8. Sign-up sheet will be passed around for anyone interested.

Thank you to Elaine Rachocki for her work with the NameTags and Sign-in table at our monthly meetings. You and your husband will be missed. We hope to see you both at future PGSGC meetings via ZOOM.

NameTags/Sign-In Table. Open Position. The Society needs someone to manage NameTags and Sign-In table. Takes approximately 30 minutes each month; a little longer in December/January a dues are collected and members status change. Anyone interested, please contact Michael Speare.

Newsletter. Trina Glauner, PGSGC newsletter editor, needs articles for our newsletter. Articles must be submitted by November 15. Nancy Kucharski indexes newsletters on the PGSGC website.

Art Lauterer, Hospitality Chairman informed attendees - Śląska Dance Ensemble performing October 7 7p.m. at St. Ignatius Breen Center for the Performing Arts. Promotional fliers available at tables during the meeting.

President Michael Speare reminded interested members to register for Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan's Conference scheduled for October 15. Registration extended to October 10.
https://pgsm.org/upload/Presentation_Flyers/PGSM_Seminar_2022_Registration_Flyer_1659373519.pdf

Antonette Baciak, PGSGC Librarian, assembled newsletter back issues and distributed to members in attendance.

President Michael Speare informed members he is unable to attend November and December meetings. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski will chair the meetings.

Presentation materials sent to members prior to the meetings has worked well given everyone a chance to review beforehand.

Lucia Dominak, PGSGC member, asked about PGSGC t-shirts and if the board was going to pursue this option. President Michael Speare stated not at this time; possibly revising the logo and maybe golf shirts instead of t-shirts.

Lucia Dominak, PGSGC Facebook Administrator, has been closely monitoring member Facebook page. Lucia is addressing requests accordingly.

Ben Kman, PGSGC Treasurer, has reported a complaint with the BBB against PayPal. PayPal has banned PGSGC from using PayPal to collect PGSGC dues. Ben seeks resolution that PayPal allow the Society to use PayPal for memberships online. The PayPal application code used was "off the shelf" and installed according to PayPal processes.

Pat Bakaitis, PGSGC Librarian, informed the Society that the LDS will have sessions about the Russian Empire October 17-19. Registration for the sessions are found under **European Research Webinars and Handouts in the attached link**
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars#Upcoming_Webinars

Kim Demor, PGSGC member, informed the Society that Ohio Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference at Kalahari Resort and Conference Center Sandusky, Ohio April 26-29, 2023. Link to the OGS website - <https://www.ogsconference.org/> Conference details to follow.

50/50 Raffle and Gift Bag. Congratulations to Pat Bakaitis winner of our 50/50 Raffle and Gift Bag. Pat donated her cash winnings back to the Society. The Society gained \$40 from the raffle. Thank you, Pat!!

Coffee. We have a Keurig and coffee pods (regular/decaf) available. Any member who prefers to have flavored coffee, please bring your own.

Adjourned 8:43p.m.