

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:19p.m. Twenty-four participants attended the meeting 13 in-person and 11 online.

Vice-President Richard Szczepinski welcomed all in attendance while President Michael Speare and Treasurer Ben Kman addressed virtual meeting issues.

Secretary's Report submitted in writing by Donald Demor. Some members indicated they are unable to open Microsoft Word documents. Secretary Demor will ensure reports are submitted in PDF format. Report was approved. NOTE: Mary Ann Jaworske sent Secretary an email --- as December meeting minutes incorrectly stated a NET LOSS \$510 should have read NET GAIN \$510.

Membership Report. Currently seventy-five members; twenty-eight have renewed for 2023. Reminder for all members: please send in your renewals.

#### New Business

- Marketing. Ron Czarnecki discussed Parma Observer ( <http://www.parmaobserver.com/members/login.php?loginfail=2> ), MIMI ( <https://www.mimivanderhaven.com/contact> ) or Facebook Advertising as possible media publicizing PGSGC meetings.

#### Old Business.

- PGSGC Board members will speak at Cleveland Polka Association members meeting Wednesday January 25, 2023 7p.m at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Parma.
- Membership dues. Please send your membership renewals to President Michael Speare.
- Members only page – password will change January 16.
- Marketing and attracting new members. Members in attendance had a lively discussion.
  - o Art Lauterer stated he is interested in PGSGC placing an ad in Cleveland Polka Association Newsletter. Newsletter is published monthly; cost of an ad is unknown at this time.
  - o Ron Kraine asked about church bulletin ads and what is the cost?
  - o Richard Szczepinski is PGSGC representative in Cleveland Roundtable; The organization typically holds events four times a year and should be resuming this year.
  - o Lucia Dominak suggested PGSGC hold Polish Genealogy sessions throughout the Greater Cleveland area.
  - o Lucia Dominak suggested additional speakers regarding Polish Genealogy books or Cleveland funeral home records.

- Pat Bakaitis said PGSGC was able to recruit one member from St. Casimir's Alumni Association.
- Pat Bakaitis also noted her and Cori Messenger attend Ohio Genealogical Society workshops in Bellville; Maybe PGSGC would
- Ron Kraine suggested PGSGC consider membership in Ohio Genealogical Society. Donald Demor will follow-up.
- Anthonette Baciak said Bernadette Berger did a great job with arrangements for Polish Cultural Center event. Need to make sure we have pamphlets available and maybe we should leave some at the Polish Cultural Center museum.
- Polish Constitution Day Weekend in May.
- other recommendations: post in Polish-American Journal.
- Vice-President Richard Szczepinski recommends a committee be established.
- PGSGC BBB complaint against PayPal. PayPal will allow PGSGC to use PayPal services for membership dues beginning January 2023. Thanks to Treasurer Ben Kman for resolving the PayPal issue.
- Programs for 2023 have been scheduled.
- Newsletter. Ron Czarnecki offers printing services; Allen County Library has our newsletters. Ben Kman and Anthonette Baciak are working with the Western Reserve Historical Society.
- Holiday Party. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski thanked all who attended the event and helped with the party. President Michael Speare thanked all who donated.

Program: History of Prussia

Adjourned 9:12p.m.