

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01p.m. Twenty-nine participants attended the meeting 21 in-person and 8 online.

President Michael Speare welcomed all in attendance.

President Speare thanked all who helped with the St. Stanislaus event and Holiday Party.

Treasurer Ben Kman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for January 2023 - \$561 dues, \$24 donations, \$1.00 other for total income \$586.00. Expenses - \$116.00 rent, \$4.51 Administrative totaling \$120.51. Net income for the month \$465.49. Balance as of February 7, 2023, \$5,157.88. Project fund \$728. NOTE: Administrative was PayPal fee; ZOOM will increase by one dollar. Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Secretary's Report read by Donald Demor. Secretary's Report was approved as read.

Membership Report. Currently 70 members; 9 outstanding. Reminder for all members: please send in your renewals.

President Michael Speare acknowledged new/old members: Lizz Dregne, Jerry Urban, Claude Flandro and Tom Kaschalk in attendance.

Unfinished Business

- Publicity. According to President Speare, the committee plans to participate in Constitution Day Weekend events; will not return to Youngstown Slavic Fest or St. Stanislaus. Considering participation in St. John Cantius.
- PayPal. Treasurer Ben Kman suggested those who pay dues online include an additional \$1 to cover PayPal surcharge. PASIC online membership will be updated asking for the additional donation. Art Lauterer gave a testimonial – highly recommending the use of PayPal and to ignore the fake emails from scammers.
- Cleveland Polka Association (CPA) members meeting. PGSGC invited to speak at January 25, 2023 however, rescheduled due to weather. PGSGC Board will attend CPA meeting March 29.
- Cuyahoga County Genealogical Societies. President Michael Speare noted that he has been in contact with genealogical societies in Cuyahoga County in an attempt to get new members. New York and Massachusetts Polish Genealogical Societies are interested in PGSGC participating in joint meetings.
- Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS). Follow-up to Ron Kraine's request to find out if PGSGC can become an OGS member. Secretary Demor has been in contact with OGS;

Secretary Demor at the request of the PGSGC Board is in contact with Polish Genealogical Society of America as a possible affiliate or partnership. Kim Demor, President of Stark County Ohio Genealogical Society discussed individual member costs. upcoming OGS conference and conference sponsorship.

- Newsletter. President Speare requests that members submit articles. Kim Demor inquired about the status of her articles submitted to the President .President Speare will , forward stories to editor Trina Glauner.

New Business.

- Holiday Party. Vice-President Richard Szczepinski stated that while a good time was had by all; the Society should consider the following: 1) change the date or keep event in November?, 2) discontinue or set a minimum number needed to attend?, 3) attempt to keep dinner to \$10/person
- Executive Board meeting. President Speare informed the Society, Executive Board meeting was held January 30. Society is ok financially. Eleven or 12 people responded to the survey – result: What do members want the most – searching in the U.S. and Poland
- Nametags/Sign-in. Lucia Dominak recommends members manage their own name tags and sign-in. A blank sheet of paper will be at the table for onsite members to sign-in.
- Lucia Dominak suggested possibly having Union of Poles Organization attend/present at a future meeting.

Program: Polish Parishes in Northeast Ohio by Don Demor

50/50 Raffle. Congratulations to our winners of the 50/50 Raffle – PRCU calendars and cash pay out.

Adjourned 8:45p.m.