

Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting May 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Brady at 10:00 with 35 members/guests present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

Membership: Al Munn reported we had 2 returning members present. Rhonda Smercheck and Linda Siemen.

Treasurer: Dick Gilbert was unable to come to the meeting. He will report at the next meeting.

Programs: Maureen mentioned several of the upcoming meetings which include: "Skeletons in our closet, "Preserving Family Heirlooms", by Tina Beaird, and "Scottish Record Sources", by Maureen Brady.

Webmaster: Rollie Littlewood – Updated surname list was placed online.

Refreshments: Prudy Sullivan thanked those that brought refreshments to the meeting. Next meeting will be July 16, 2016.

Newsletter – Karen Glass: thanked those who have submitted articles, and those that will submit articles. An article on Quaker genealogy will be upcoming. Karen is looking to members for information on Quaker ancestors to contribute to the article

Library: Arlyn Booth reported that the library may not continue storage of materials if usage is low. When using the library, books should be left on the cart and not returned to the shelves as this is how the library determines that the materials are being used. Marge Zook reported that some materials were returned to BIGWILL because they are either out of date or available online and the library will no longer store them. These materials were offered to members for free at the meeting.

Announcements:

Maureen mentioned several upcoming meetings and conferences including: CAGGNI, MCIGS, FGS, etc. Flyers were made available to members.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Maureen asked members to send their ideas for program/topics for 2017. These should be emailed to her prior to the annual planning retreat. The annual meeting will be held on July 23, 2016.

After a short break, Maureen introduced Rev. McDonald who spoke on the Irish and Scots-Irish in America.

The meeting was turned back over to Maureen Brady and adjourned at noon.

There was no Board Meeting after the general meeting.

Submitted by:
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Secretary