

Education Committee Minutes  
August 31, 2020

Attendees: Katie Haugse, Barbara Halvorsen, Sheila McGinnis, David McGinnis, Barbara Northrop, Dorothy Cotton, Andrea Patterson and Pat Jenkins

Minutes for July 20, 2020 meeting were accepted without change.

Barbara Northrop reports that Genealogy Week will be September 21-25, 2020. Speakers have been confirmed and Event Scheduler completed. Advertising has been planned. Co-hosts will be needed for each of the 5 classes. Some members volunteered that they would be available, but would need training. A class will be scheduled with Kim Thurman who volunteered to do a training class.

Barbara Halvorsen and Pat Jenkins reported on the calendar of classes, programs and interest groups that have been scheduled to date. Rich Miles class on "The New Find-A-Grave" had 14 attendees and the "Brickwall" had 9 attendees, including 1 from Mexico who later became a new member. Andrea reported that having the questions in advance made the Brickwall run smoother and worked well having Melinda Henningfield available to answer DNA questions. The next Brickwall is scheduled for October 17th with Jan Dole as facilitator. A discussion ensued about doing Tutorials or Webinars with handouts and a facilitated discussion afterwards. "Let's Talk Genealogy" was again discussed and the difference between Pat's vision and that of the Brickwall. Barbara H, Dorothy and Pat will pursue these topics and report back to the committee.

Dorothy asked that she receive information for the E-News as far ahead as possible, but no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. Pat will send Dorothy a copy of the current calendar of upcoming events.

Barbara H reported that Ann Baracker did not feel that she could do the Member Faire Affair via Zoom. She had difficulty finding presenters last year. It was suggested that for the December General Meeting that all of the 5 Board Officers do a 5-6 minute presentation on how they got started doing genealogy. Pat will contact Ann with the suggestion.

Andrea reported on the upcoming seminars. Anne Burke Lyttle will do our first virtual seminar from 9-4 on November 7, Registration will open September 15. Topics will be "Genealogical Proof for the Everyday Genealogist, How Research Plans Can Up Your Genealogical Game, Find Your Family History in Free Online Newspapers and Chasing Uncle William through the Wilds of Cyberspace". The cost will be \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Publicity has been started. Steven Morrison was chosen for the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 seminar. The topics are Ireland Research and Quakers. These sessions would flow together as many Irish immigrants were Quakers and we have not presented Quaker research before. Cost will be the same. Diane Elder has been secured for the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 seminar. The contract is pending and deposit due. Publicity is ready to go. Press and registration available after February the seminar.

OLLI classes will begin virtually in January.

Next Meeting October 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted: Pat Jenkins