

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Members Meeting & Program Minutes
June 15, 2021 Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: President Kim Thurman called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. via Zoom; a quorum was established. Kim welcomed everyone to our June Members' meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL: The minutes of the May 18, 2021, Members Meeting were presented by Secretary Loretta Barker. There were no corrections. ***Motion: Katie Haugse moved that the minutes be accepted as presented; Rich Miles seconded. Motion passed.***

TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2021, was presented by Kim Thurman in absence of Treasurer Barbara Shrewsberry.

General Income	\$ 463.00
Program Income	609.78
Total	1,072.78
General Expense	1,640.98
Program Expense	1,995.49
Total	3,636.47
Interest	.97
Rewards Income	33.88
Net Income	\$ -2,259.81

It was noted that the library was closed the entire month of May 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The large amount in general expense was due in part to the payment of our My Heritage bill of \$1,570.00 and a typewriter repair of \$280.00. Kim pointed out that our net income is still above budget.

Member Sharing. None

Board Actions. The Board met yesterday at the library—first time in person since March 2020! The Annual Fund Drive will begin shortly. Reopening of the library is scheduled for July 12 and this date is being announced on all our social media sites. There will be no member meetings in July and August. Keep your eyes open for announcements of Genealogy Week, September 18-24 ending with a seminar on September 25.

Program. Barbara Halvorsen introduced Betsy J. Green who presented the "History of Your House and Neighborhood." Betsy said that when researching your home, you should start with your closing papers. You may find important scraps of information there. She has found that stories about a house are true, partially true, or maybe not true at all. You need to do your research. Researching deeds, zoning files, and building permits, which are wonderful finds. Probate records can provide things like the date the home was built and perhaps even the inventory of the house and its contents. She warned us to be aware of name changes/Americanization of names. In the 1800's property was measured in chains, rods, and lengths. It was not until the 1900's that the use of "feet" began. She noted for us that 80 chains is one mile. Houses were also frequently moved so we need to be aware of address changes for the same home. She mentioned that Sanborn Maps will show the location and shape of a house/business. She asked for questions and there were some great discussions. Betsy has written the book *The History of Your House and Neighborhood* which can be found on Amazon and in libraries. This was a very informative and entertaining presentation.

Kim Thurman thanked Betsy for her great presentation and reminded everyone to look for the registration for genealogy week and Patricia Aberndorf's seminar *American Migration, In, Out, and Across* on September 25, 10 am to 4 pm.

Loretta Barker, Secretary