

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Members Meeting & Program Minutes
May17, 2022 Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: President Kim Thurman called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. via Zoom; a quorum was established. Kim welcomed everyone to our May Members' meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL: The minutes of the April 19, 2022, Members Meeting were presented by Secretary Loretta Barker.

Motion: Marijo Medcraft moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Pat Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2022, was presented by Treasurer Marijo Medcraft.

General Income	\$	789.26
Program Income		885.93
Total Income		1,675.19
General Expense		1,858.56
Program Expense		2,430.99
Total Expenses		4,289.55
Interest		1.61
Rewards Income		1.00
Net Income	\$	-2,611.75

Treasurer Marijo Medcraft noted that 18 memberships were paid in April and \$30.26 was received for our annual fund drive. She also noted that there were several large payments this month: EBSCO (My Heritage) for \$1,675 and Library World at \$495. President Kim noted that even though our balance is in the negative, when you look at our overall expenses (budget vs. actuals) we are still in good shape financially.

UPDATE TO SOCIETY BY-LAWS. President Kim Thurman noted that last month we announced that we were planning to change the name of our library from Jackson County Genealogy Library to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library. This notice has been posted in the library and on our Society webpage for the past 30 days. She asked if there were any questions about this change of name. There were no questions.

Motion: Barbara Halversen moved that we approve the change of name for our library from Jackson County Genealogy Library to Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library. Rich Miles seconded. Motion carried with 17 yes votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANNUAL FUND DRIVE AND JULY BOARD MEETING. The Annual Fund Drive letter will be going out in the mail by June 1. The Board has decided to cancel their July meeting due to the travel arrangements of many of the Board members.

MEMBER SHARING. Nothing

BOARD ACTIONS. Genealogy Week will be from September 17 through September 23; free classes will be provided during that week, some of which will be recorded. It has been noted that very few members are taking advantage of these videos. Kate Eakman's workshop, Researching Great Britain, will be recorded. In September we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of our library's current location. We have a total

membership of 673 at this time. If you haven't noticed, our sign out front is not currently working. We are working to track down the problem—it is not electrical. We are averaging two visitors per day at our library. We have plenty of room for people without any crowding.

FUTURE EVENTS. "German Genealogy in Poland" class will be on May 25, from 1:30-3:00; on Saturday, June 4, 10:30-2:00, there is a workshop on "Researching Great Britain," presented by Kate Eakman. Tuesday, June 7, 10:30-12:00, "Orphan Trains in America," by Andrea Patterson; and Friday June 24, 10:30-2:00 a workshop, "You've Taken a DNA Test—Now What? By Kate Eakman. Also, at our member meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 1:30-3:00, Maureen Battistella, MLS, will present "The Mysterious Case of the First Female City Recorder and a Historic Genealogist.

PROGRAM. Barbara Halvorsen introduced Barbara Northrop, who joined RVGS in 2005. She is also a member of our Education Committee, current Seminar Chair, and was recently Board Trustee. She organized our first virtual Genealogy Week. In August 2021 she became a Board-Certified Genealogist. Barbara presented "What's in a Military Dog Tag: Clues in World War II Identification Tags." During the Civil War soldiers made their own ID tags, usually of paper or wood because they wanted to be identified if they died. The armed forces didn't start using ID tags until 1906 and these were originally made of brass and then aluminum and were worn on a cord around the neck. They contained the soldier's basic information. These tags contained five lines of information: soldier's name; tetanus and blood type; next of kin; street address of kin; and town, state, and religion. Later, the names and addresses of next of kin were removed for the safety of the next of kin Barbara said that people can request the military personnel file for their relatives from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. It is Form SF-180 and is three pages long. Pat Jenkins noted that Vietnam dog tags were different in that drafted military were given a military number for their dog tags but enlisted military used their Social Security number.

Kim Thurman thanked Barbara for a very interesting and informative program. She also mentioned that RVGS has a group indexing the 1950 Census through Family Search.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Loretta Barker, Secretary