

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2014, Heinz History Center, Steamship Arabia display

4:45 P.M. 22 present

President Melody Hannegan opened the business meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the cafe area of the History Center. She explained to the unknowing about her shoulder episode and assured us she is on the road to recovery.

Guests were welcomed. Faith Jack introduced Debbie Steinmetz, retired Latin teacher from Shaler Area, and Shari McGill, social studies teacher at Shaler Area High School.

Barbara Rankin read the inspiration, which came from an article by Sharon Randall, a columnist. It was titled "What Does It Really Take for Kids to be Ready for School?" And, yes, Barbara did ask the writer for permission to use her work.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Peg Maser reported on cards she sent over the summer and the invitations she sent to 50 former members from the past 5 years who we hope will rejoin us this year. Peg also read resignation letters from Mary Shirey and Barbara Lanza. Second Vice President Faith Jack suggested maybe a follow-up call to people we know personally to invite them back. Prospect cards are being distributed to consider women for membership; Faith will create a strip of paper with the International Website on it to hand out since all needed information on the Society is on it.

Treasurer Margaret Foster reported that the balance on hand is \$2451.97, which is about where we have been in the past couple years. Marg also presented the proposed budget for the coming year. It totals \$5264.00. Faith Jack moved and Karen Klingman seconded the motion to accept the budget. Motion passed.

First Vice President Paulette Hemmings reported on meetings for the year, with the theme of ENGAGE. She explained the variety of venues, costs, and programs.

Barbara MacDonald distributed yearbooks.

Melody announced that she still needs a Projects chair/co-chairs. The PA Head Start Association project, with the Chair Project, has hit a bit of a glitch with the copyright infringement issue. The plan is to move the chair around libraries in the area during the year to earn money through the sale of raffle ticket chances.

Melody is doing the Chapter Website and newsletter and would like to hand those chores over to a member. She also wants to start a blog page for newsy items.

Standing Rules were sent to the State for approval. One item that needed to be tweaked is that the Executive Board selects the Treasurer and the President appoints a Parliamentarian.

No new business was discussed. Sign-up sheets for meeting jobs, raffles, and committee chairs were passed around.

Under Joys and Concerns, Darlene Farrell was named to the Hall of Fame of the Cookie Cutter Collectors Club, Karen Klingman has a new granddaughter, Ellen Rodwick is travelling; Melody's older daughter got engaged; Faith reported success on getting a grave marker for her great grandfather, a veteran of the Spanish American War.

The Basket Raffle included a basket by Paulette Hemmings and items from the History Center, like free passes and magazines. Darlene Farrell, Linda Peffer, and Karen Ulrich, among others, won. We ended the meeting with a Choral Reading that was used at the International Convention.

Dinner was a choice of sandwich, salad, soup, beverage, and dessert.

The program was presented by Bob Stakeley of the History Center. He gave us information on the Steamship Arabia. After that we went into the exhibit and were allowed to spend as much time as we wanted looking at the recovered objects. One last activity was the launching of a hot air "balloon" to carry our hope and inspirations into the night sky over the Strip District.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich