

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

First Thursday Meeting
7 April 1994
Connecticut Historical Society

Attending: Gerald Caruthers, Lorrie Hamblin, Jack Kuras, Dianne Lenti, Barbara Mathews, Donna Siemiatkoski, Helen Ullmann.

The meeting was called together by Donna Siemiatkoski at 10:02 AM. On a motion by Barbara Mathews, seconded by Jack Kuras, the minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written.

Barbara Mathews presented the Treasurer's Reports for fiscal year 1993 and fiscal year 1994-to-date, of which summaries are appended. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing. It is clear that the costs for mailings are more than expected by a factor of two [nearly \$25/month rather than \$15]. We currently have only \$83 on hand. Barbara also reported 38 dues-paying members, 1 honorary life member, and 2 complimentary memberships, for a total of 41 members.

The members gave Barbara Mathews permission to print 400 copies of the Member List for distribution at the New England Regional Conference later this month. Barbara Mathews also passed out 5000 copies of the brochure for the conference. Members agreed to send them to friends and place them in their local libraries and with their local genealogical groups in an effort to communicate with genealogists in Connecticut. Donna Siemiatkoski will also make a mailing to the 500 people on her newsletter mailing list.

*The pleasure of your company is requested for
our next meeting,
10:00 AM, Thursday, May 5th
at the Connecticut Historical Society.*

*Our speaker will be
Jean C. Bushey, Acting Registrar
of the Vital Records Division
of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.*

*Come talk with her about your research
concerns and the department's future plans.*

Jack Kuras' Searcheast map of genealogical resources in the Hartford area has been a staple for a year and a half. He discussed his recent update and offered to make copies available to CPGC. On a motion by Barbara Mathews seconded by Lorrie Hamblin, the council voted to accept with thanks his gracious offer to print maps that CPGC can distribute.

Donna Siemiatkoski - on behalf of her company Connecticut Heritage Services - will have a booth at the New England Regional Conference. She kindly offered to make space available on her table for the CPGC Member List and for the Searcheast map.

Lorrie Hamblin reported that her tourism report is complete and that tomorrow she will mail it to the Executive Director.

Donna Siemiatkoski reported that Warren Buchanan is collecting ideas over the summer to bring to state legislators, especially in regards to the Connecticut State Library and its needs. Members are asked to contact him with suggestions.

Lorrie Hamblin reported on the volunteer projects that CPGC members are now doing for the Connecticut Historical Society. The main project is to index the family names found in the client papers given to CHS by the estate of Betty Linsley, CGRS, a friend to many of us. Once each file is indexed, Lorrie Hamblin will computerize the information. In addition, Dianne Lenti is indexing the Mary Morris scrapbook. CPGC's CHS volunteers will continue to work on the Linsley papers at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 18th at CHS. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Donna Siemiatkoski, 203-688-6822.

Several members agreed to work together on news releases about the council and other important issues. An open meeting for this PR task force was set for Thursday, April 14, at 2:00 PM at the Connecticut State Library. Jack Kuras, Lorrie Hamblin, Barbara Mathews and Donna Siemiatkoski plan to participate and other members are also welcome to participate or to provide suggestions.

We discussed the need to raise more money. By consensus we agreed that the next mailing would include a request that people donate, if they wish, one or two or even five additional dollars. Several fundraising ideas were discussed and individuals plan on bringing proposals to our next meeting.

Barbara Mathews pointed out that another way to save money is to meet every other month and thus have half as many mailings. Other members pointed out that this would make it easier to let people know sooner about upcoming programs. On a motion by Dianne Lenti seconded by Barbara Mathews, we decided to have a meeting in May followed by meetings in July, September, and November.

We voted to adjourn on a motion by Jack Kuras seconded by Gerry Caruthers.