

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

Special Membership Meeting, Minutes: January 6, 1994

Present: Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Ted Little, Dianne Lenti, Judith Plummer, Jack Kuras, Lorrie Hamblin. Also present; David Brown CSG, Ted Wohlsen CSL, Lynne Newell CSL.

State Librarian, Richard Ackroyd, spoke on the Budget Reduction Impact currently facing the State Library. We thank him for his time and very informative update on this critical budget situation.

We also thank Lynne Newell, Chief of Library Services, and Ted Wohlsen, Unit Head History and Genealogy, for participating in a question and answer period following Mr. Ackroyd's presentation.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 2:45 p.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski.

Minutes of the last meeting were not read; as this was a "special" meeting, called for the purpose of the budget review.

Lorrie Hamblin suggested that we form a "call-in tree" for member contact in the event of a meeting date change or notice of important issues. Also, that the council may wish to advertise in the upcoming New Hampshire Genealogical Conference program (tabled).

Judith Plummer reported on a study she did of patrons to the CT State Library during July, August and September. She counted 500-600 patrons each month, with approximately 50% or more being from out of state. She spent considerable time and did an excellent job on the compilation of data. We thank her for her efforts, which will aid CPGC in it's accumulation of "usage" facts for the CT State Library. It was suggested that we also look at patron numbers at other genealogical organizations and libraries within the state, such as CT Society of Genealogists, CT Historical Society and Family History Centers.

Lorrie Hamblin, CPGC Tourism Chairman, presented a "first step" draft position package on tourism in Connecticut as it relates to history and genealogy. It was done professionally, by Lorrie, and took into consideration history, population, genealogy, market demographics, revenue projections, and suggested recommendations of CPGC. David Brown, CSG, suggested that she might contact Evertons for the statistical data needed. CPGC will be able to present the final version of this tourism package to the State of Connecticut Department of Economic Development and/or other entities. Motion was made by Warren Buchanan, and seconded by Edward Little, to thank Lorrie Hamblin for the excellent job she did on the tourism package.

Jack Kuras presented a press release draft, notifying the public of the formation of CPGC. He suggested that we might send it to Genealogical Helper and others.

The next meeting of CPGC will be held at the CT Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth ST, Hartford, CT, on Monday February 7 at 10 a.m. Agenda discussion will include the State Library closing on Mondays, our tourism package, and possibility of affiliation with the Association of Profession Genealogists. This meeting will

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Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. (1st Jack Kuras, 2nd Warren Buchanan.)

Dianne B. Lenti, Acting Secretary

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Upcoming dates of interest:

February 7, 1994...CPGC meeting, CHS 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Snow Date 2-17-94)

February 9, 1994...probable date of Gov. Weicker's budget message.

February 17, 1994..CPGC Executive Committee Meeting, (Full membership invited), 10:00 A.M., Auditorium Lobby, Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth St., Hartford, CT. Discussion of Governor's Budget Message.

March, 1994...CPGC Meeting, early in the month at Connecticut Historical Society, (date to be decided).

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1-27-94 IMPORTANT NOTICE: At the meeting of the Connecticut State Library Board on January 14, 1994, State Librarian Richard Ackroyd did not recommend that the Connecticut State Library be closed one day each week. Instead he recommended that the Connecticut State Library open each day to the public at 9:30 A.M. instead of 8:30 A.M. This recommendation was approved and will be effective by March 1, 1994.

Mr. Ackroyd explained to the Connecticut State Library Board that he decided not to recommend closing the Connecticut State Library for one day per week after hearing from representatives of the professional genealogists concerning the impact of this change.

We will await the Governor's budget message and then decide whether and how to petition for the restoration of two staff positions in the Library.

Donna Siemiatkoski, President  
Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

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