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CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL
10 March 1994

Meeting held at Connecticut Historical Society

Present: Donna Siemiatkoski, Kathryn Smith Black, Lorrie Hamblin, Warren Buchanan, Edward "Ted" Little, Dianne Lenti and Judith Ellen Johnson.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10:15 a.m. by President Donna Siemiatkoski.

Judith Ellen Johnson, Staff Genealogist of the Connecticut Historical Society stated that CPGC could move forward with a group volunteer project at this facility. It was decided that CPGC members would begin with an "initial sort" of a collection presently stored at CHS. Kathryn Smith Black, Warren Buchanan, "Ted" Little and Donna Siemiatkoski agreed to meet once a month, commencing on March 18, 1994 (Monday), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to begin the project. Any CPGC member may participate in this project, or if unable to meet on Mondays, may wish to volunteer for another project, such as "indexing".

MOTION was made by Kathryn Black, seconded by "Ted" Little, to appoint Dianne Lenti Associate Secretary. Motion carried.

A letter received from member Bette Innes Bradway, with enclosure from Sharon K. Fawcett, Director, User Services Division, National Archives, stated that the National Archives in Washington DC and College Park MD will remain open to the public Monday and Wednesday 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Many persons wrote to the Archives in support of these hours, and those letters were greatly appreciated.

Donna Siemiatkoski gave an update on the Connecticut State Library, stating that Richard Ackroyd, CT State Librarian, Lynn Newell, Chief of Library Services and Ted Wohlson, Head of History and Genealogy Unit were present at the February 17, 1994 Executive Committee Meeting of CPGC. Mr. Ackroyd reported that the library hours, as of February 28, 1994 will be Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He felt that the Governor's budget was relatively positive and wish that we would convey this "positive" feeling and support for the budget in any letters that we might send to the legislators. He further encourage us to look ahead to the next fiscal year, 1995-97. Mr. Ackroyd encouraged everyone to keep a list of concerns regarding the CT State Library; which we will be able to submit in May or June, 1994. These concerns should be sent to Warren Buchanan, who will compile them for presentation to CT State Library.

It was agreed to table the volunteer proposal for the Connecticut State Library until some future time.

A letter received from Jack Kuras, suggested that CPGC: (1) might wish to consider incorporating; (2) compile a list of town clerks and registrars of vital records; and (3) have a dues structure and give a treasurers report at meetings. Consensus of members was not to pursue incorporation at this time. A formal treasurer's report and dues structure was discussed and was tabled for further discussion.

MOTION was made by Kathryn Black and seconded by "Ted" Little that the secretary compile a list of town historians, town clerks, other officials and opinion leaders, for the purpose of disseminating information from the council. Motion carried. (Note: Members present stated that the National Archives and the CT Registrar of Vital Records

be included in this list.)

Donna Siemiatkoski lead a discussion regarding CPGC becoming a Chapter member in the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). There was concern among members present that CPGC should remain autonomous, and that the advantage(s) of becoming a chapter member were not readily apparent. At this time in our growth, it was agreed that we table this discussion for some future time.

Lorrie Hamblin has formed a "calling tree" whereby members can telephone others in case of cancellations and/or an urgent agenda.

Lorrie Hamblin presented her tourism package which she will submit to the CT Department of Economic Development. This is an excellent package, and members gave her a round of applause in recognition of her outstanding work.

MOTION was made by Warren Buchanan and seconded by "Ted" Little to approve the position paper "Roots in Connecticut", as prepared by Lorrie Hamblin, for submission to the Department of Economic Development; with any editorial changes necessary.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:30 p.m. Motion made by Kathryn Black, seconded by Warren Buchanan.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ^{THURS}~~MONDAY~~ APRIL 7, 1994, 10:00 a.m. at the CT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT.

Dianne B. Lenti
Associate Secretary