



## CPGC Meeting Minutes 5 October 2021

**Location: Via Zoom**

### **Present:**

Barbara M., Dick, Chris, Carol W., Albert Fiacre, Nora Galvin, Ed Strickland, Charles Wiltsie, Jen Zinck, Allison Watson Maston, Theresa Juengst, Penny Hartzel, Kathryn Back, Roger Joslyn, Dave Robison, Dianne Lenti, Olivia Patch, Kathryn Smith

### **PROGRAM**

Program – “The US Records Access Fight”. Barbara Mathews’ handout is attached.

Discussion following the presentation included:

- Getting back to working on list of Connecticut genealogy resources we were working on last spring. Members need particular assignments.
- What is the point of CPGC? We as a group are those that records the most.
- We currently have a working relationship with the Town Clarks Assn. We need to continue and build on that relationship.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 by Jen Zinck.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Secretary’s Report/Minutes**

Under Road Shows, second paragraph, “make the donation to the second,” “take out the second make Under NERGC, second paragraph, second line, take out “would be”.

On motion by Kathryn Black, seconded by Ed Strickland, the minutes of the September 7, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

##### **Treasurer – Kathryn Black**

Revised reports were distributed and are attached. There has been no recent activity. Reports will now cover calendar months rather than meeting to meeting. The most current report is for September. Kathryn will be doing a revision so have clean balance for November.

## **Membership**

Twenty-five current members have renewed, and we have one new member, Charles Wiltsie.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

Post Office box renewal is due (\$118). Consensus: pay it.

All other contact information is now correct at the Hartford Post Office.

Another member has signed up to gain access to the members only area of the website.

An email account has been set up for corresponding secretary@CPGC.org.

## **Donna Fund – Penny Hartzel**

A report was distributed electronically and is attached to these minutes.

Rosemary and Penny are contacting 31 libraries. *Genealogy Standards, Revised* and *Bettinger's Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, Second Edition* will go to all interested libraries. Only CSL will receive *Advanced Genetic Genealogy*. We are calling this an annual gift, not a 2019 gift. Books will be sent with a cover letter. Jen will send the CPGC letterhead to Penny.

The 2020 and 2021 gifts will be combined as one gift.

## **Road Shows**

Nothing to report.

## **Government Relations**

No report.

## **Programs – Nora Galvin**

November 9 – show and tell and Annual Meeting, to include elections.

December 7 – Mel Smith, Connecticut State Library update.

February 1 – Barbara Mathews (possibly with Fred Hart) on how to get articles published.

March 1 – Pauline Merrick on slavery in Connecticut.

Contact Nora at [auntlizzie@snet.net](mailto:auntlizzie@snet.net), if you have suggestions for future programs.

## **NERGC – Kathryn Black**

The 2023 Participation Agreement has been received. Question: who will take on pre-conference work on behalf of CPGC?

Michael Spellmon no longer able to serve as our Alternate Delegate. Nora volunteered to be the Alternate.

## **NGS**

Chris and Jen attended. Jen went to a presentation on hosting virtual events. Alison will post her notes to the CPGC website.

## **Nominating committee – Chris Klemmer**

We need candidates for VP and Recording Secretary. Some folks have held key positions for many years; it is time for others to step up.

## **New Business**

### *Personal invitations for the December meeting*

Jen proposed a “bring a buddy” meeting for December, with members extending a personal invitation to a member who doesn’t regularly attend. The question was asked whether formal invitation should also be sent and/or dividing the membership list and having regular attendees distribute.

Nora proposed creating a questionnaire asking why people don’t come to meetings. It was suggested that we have some evening meetings via Zoom. Kathryn Smith suggested creating a membership survey focusing on what could we do to entice members to attend. Time? Frequency? Topics?

### *Godfrey Scholar offer for CPGC members*

Albert Fiacre reported that the Godfrey Library is proposing offering a two-month free Godfrey Scholar membership to CPGC members. Currently there are about 700 members nationwide. Features include a database of 1042 cemeteries based on Hale plus other stones added since Hale, the American Genealogical Biographical Index with links to book referenced, remote access to MyHeritage, NewspaperArchive.com, Filby index, local Middletown local records, and Middletown sexton records. Godfrey would set up an account for those on the CPGC member list and mail them password credentials. Consensus: an initial explanatory letter would come from Jen, with implementation in January or February.

### *Online archive of CPGC data*

Chris has scanned thousands of pages of minutes and other CPGC records. They need to be re-organized into a coherent system.

Barbara moved that we create a private section of our website to record our history. The motion was seconded by Nora. Further discussion and action were tabled until the November meeting.

On motion by Nora, seconded by Allison, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Roberts  
CPGC Secretary

CPGC Financial Report  
September 2021

Balance as of 31 August 2021	\$12,664.68
No activity	
Balance as of 30 Sept 2021	\$12,664.68
<b>NERGC Contingency Fund</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Donna Fund</b>	
Balance as of 31 August 2021	\$9,125.38
No activity	
Balance as of 30 Sept 2021	\$9,125.38
<b>Total balance available</b>	<b>\$22,790.06</b>

**CPGC Financial Report  
August 2021**

Balance as of 1 June 2021		\$11,569.68
NERGC share	\$1,070.00	
Membership (1)	\$25.00	
Balance as of 31 August 2021		\$12,664.68
 <b>NERGC Contingency Fund</b>		 <b>\$1,000.00</b>
 <b>Donna Fund</b>		
Balance as of 1 June 2021		\$9,125.38
No activity		
Balance as of 7 Sept 2021		\$9,125.38
 <b>Total balance available</b>		 <b>\$22,790.06</b>

CPGC Donna Fund Report  
4 October 2021

Meeting via Zoom on 21 September attended by Kathryn Black, Rosemary Leitz, Barbara Mathews, and Dick Roberts.

Decided to give:

*Genealogy Standards*, 2nd edition, revised 2021, by the Board for Certification of Genealogists to 25 libraries.

*The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, 2nd edition, by Blaine T. Bettinger to 22 libraries.

*Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques & Case Studies*, edited by Debbie Parker Wayne, to the Connecticut State Library.

Rosemary Leitz and Penny Hartzell are in the process of contacting each library to learn if they wish to accept this gift.

This gift is the 2021 gift although the libraries are being told it is the annual gift without a year mentioned.

Decided that the 2020 and 2021 gift will be combined as \$2,000 and presented as the 2021 gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Hartzell  
Chair