**CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE 7 JUNE 2022 MEETING**

**Via ZOOM**

**Present:**

Jennifer Zinck, Rita Barredo, Kathryn Black, Penny Hartzell, Jenny Hawran, Rosemary Leitz, Dianne Lenti, Dick Roberts, Diane Ross, Carol Whitmer, Charles Wiltsie

**Program:**

Former Connecticut State Historian Walt Woodward gave a presentation on his book *Prospero’s America: John Winthrop, Jr., Alchemy, and the Creation of New England Culture, 1606-1676.*

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 11:18 a.m. by Jennifer Zinck.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary’s Report/Minutes**

Kathryn Black and Penny Hartzell submitted edits to the May 2022 draft minutes, which have been corrected.

On a motion by Kathryn Black, seconded by Rita Barredo, the minutes were accepted as amended.

**Treasurer – Kathryn Black**

The Treasurer’s Report for May 2022 was discussed. The report was accepted for audit.

**Membership – Rita Barredo**

No new members.

**Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Zinck reported for Alison Watson Matson**

No new business.

**Donna Fund – Penny Hartzell**

Delivery of the genealogy books that were gifted to twenty-seven libraries continue. Jennifer Zinck and Alison Watson Matson are delivering books along with Penny Hartzell and Rosemary Leitz. Penny will send a press release to the Hartford Courant and other media outlets about the genealogy book donations. The Danbury and Milford libraries have expressed interest in hosting an Ancestors Road Show. The next gift may be a grant to historial societies or libraries through a request for funds for genealogy collections. The Donna Fund section of the website will be updated to reflect the 2023 gift plan and pictures from the book deliveries will be added.

**Road Shows – Penny Hartzell reported for Nora Galvin**

CPGC is hosting an Ancestors Road Show on 24 September 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Manchester Town Hall. The website sidebar should be updated to report this event. The Manchester Town Clerk has requested assistance in publicizing the Road Show. Penny has materials from the Southbury library road show that she will send to Nora.

The Danbury reference librarian does not work on Saturday and requested the Road Show be on a weekday evening instead of Saturday. Nora requested feedback from the group to see if an evening show would present a problem to volunteers. There was some reluctance to hold an evening session considering rush hour highway traffic. However, some CPGC members live in the Danbury area and could volunteer. Jennifer Zinck suggested a possible carpool with a lunch or dinner and market the event to members to attract volunteers. An update will be provided in September.

Jenny Hawarn reported on the Ancestry Allies virtual road show on 31 July 2022. Seven genealogy societies, including CPGC, will participate. Advertising recently commenced and timeslots are filling up. Contributions collected through the collaborative effort will be donated to the Connecticut State Library, consistent with the most recent Ancestry Allies event.

**Government Relations – Jennifer Zinck**

Jennifer Zinck reported on the New Haven Town Clerk’s non-compliance with Connecticut Statutes regarding genealogists’ access to vital records. Whenever the clerk’s office is open, Connecticut General Statute 7-51a allows genealogists direct access to vital records except those that are specifically restricted. Jennifer contacted a Connecticut Assistant Attorney General who suggested that Jennifer contacted the New Haven Corporation Counsel outlining the violations and Jennifer will provide an update at the September meeting. The New Haven Registrar is restricting genealogist access to Wednesday by appointment only.

**Program – Carol Whitmer**

See Agenda for future programming.

Carol Whitmer contacted the Emanuel Lutheran Church to resume in-person meetings starting in September and CPGC is welcome to continue using space for our meetings. The cost is $50 per meeting. The December meeting will be at the Connecticut State Library and February will be virtual due to likelihood of inclement weather.

**NERGC – Jennifer Zinck, Kathryn Black**

The NERGC venue walk-through for the May 2023 conference in Springfield, Massachusetts will be on June 18, 2022.

**NGS – Jenny Hawran**

Jenny attended the in-person conference in Sacramento, which was successful. Programs included a genealogy society day, tours, westward migration, gold rush, national archives, finding female ancestors, New England research, Mexican genealogy, and Arab-American genealogy, among others.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nora continues to work on the public records inventory project

Rita will send what she has regarding the CPGC “brand box” for table banners, signs, and other branding to Jennifer. CPCG’s goal is to have the brand box complete by the NERGC conference in May 2023.

The next meeting will be on September 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Emanual Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue in Hartford.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary K. Leitz

CPGC Recording Secretary