**CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE 1 FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING**

**Via ZOOM**

**Present:**

Jennifer Zinck, Rita Barredo, Kathryn Black, Albert Fiacre, Nora Galvin, Penny Hartzell, Chris Klemmer, Rosemary Leitz, Dianne Lenti, Alison Watson Maston, Barbara Mathews, Dick Roberts, Edwin Strickland, Carol Whitmer

**Program:**

A program about publishing works of genealogy was presented by Barbara Mathews

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Jennifer Zinck.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary’s Report/Minutes**

The following corrections were offered:

Correct surnames for Barbara Mathews and Penny Hartzell

Correct Dianne Lenti’s forename

In Program section, correct Walt Woodward’s forename

In NERGC section, clarify that the 25 volunteer hours by CPGC for service is at the conference and remove “to be a member”, that Kathryn “will be” tracking such volunteer hours, and remove “at the next meeting”

On a motion by Barbara, seconded by Kathryn, the minutes were accepted as amended.

**Program – Carol Whitmer**

Walt Woodward, retiring State Historian, will present at the June 7 meeting. Carol will send out a survey to members to find out what they are most interested in hearing about in the presentation.

Nick Belantoni is also being considered as a future speaker for either May, September, or October meeting.

Carol will present on the topic of land platting and land platting tools in genealogical research for either the May, September, or October meeting.

March 1 – Pauline Merrick on slavery in Connecticut

April – Carol Whitmer, roundtable discussion on future planning for genealogical collections

June – Walt Woodward, retiring State Historian

**Treasurer – Kathryn Black**

The Treasurer’s Report was tabled until the March 2022 meeting. The genealogy books that will be donated on behalf of the Donna Fund have been ordered.

**Membership – Rita Barredo**

Some members chose not to renew, and nine members have not responded to Rita’s outreach, including some members who have been very active in the past. Nora suggested that this will be reviewed at the Board level for further action.

**Corresponding Secretary – Alison Watson Matson**

No new business.

**Donna Fund – Penny Hartzell**

Twenty-seven libraries will be receiving genealogy books. The books will be hand-delivered to each library, likely in March. Penny is putting together the list of volunteers. Penny will draft a letter to send with the library gifts.

**Road Shows – Nora Galvin**

Nothing to report.

**Government Relations – Jen Zinck**

Legislature will be in session in early February. Jen will watch for bills of interest to CPGC.

**NERGC – Jen Zinck, Kathryn Black**

CPGC will identify a speaker for the 2023 conference to be held in Springfield. Kathryn will send an email to the membership with details for submission.

**NGS – Jen Zinck, Chris Klemmer**

Chris reported that NGS has opened an online message board system for requesting help with genealogy questions. NGS is partnering with Family Search to index the 1950 census. Chris will provide more details at the March meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Godfrey Library Scholar – Al Fiacre***

Eight CPGC members took advantage of the two month free offer. Fifteen current members took advantage of the upgrade offer or membership extension.

***Public Records Inventory – Nora Galvin***

Public records inventory group are working on determining what records actually exist, particularly at the Connecticut State Library, whether they have been microfilmed or digitized, and how to capture existing records that have not been microfilmed or digitized. Town meeting records are particularly interesting because they include information about individuals. An action plan will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alison reported that Rita (membership) keeps a separate list of members who are available to take clients, that Alison posts to the website. In order to streamline the process, it was suggested that the member profiles that have been set up in the member’s only section can be moved to the public area of the website if the member would like their profile to be public. The word list can then be removed from the public section and included in the member’s only section.

Alison reported that historical records for CPCG have been compiled and are available from 2000 forward on the members-only section of the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary K. Leitz

CPGC Secretary