

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

April 10th, 2018

General Meeting Agenda/Minutes

- We welcomed one new members.
- "Wait 'til you hear what I found." Three members let us know what they found recently - including an "Indian Princess" and two half sisters
- Minutes of March meeting were posted. There were no questions. Motion to approve, seconded and voted to approve.
- Treasurer's Report - Debra Dirks - March Treasurer's report posted on the website. Submit to audit. Congratulations to Debra on joining the Board.
- Committee Reports
 1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson - Check calendar for her help day
 2. **Membership** - Debra Dirks - 150 at last count paid members; 67 members present today
 3. **Library Committee** - Michael Carroll - Mike is going to be installing Chrome and Deep Freeze on the PCs in the library. If you are having any problems, please let him know. Mike also has a few new books that need to be covered and placed on the shelves.
 4. **Genealogy Room Photos** - Mary Barr - We are always looking for more pictures. Please include a 4" by 6" copy with information about the person, how related, location and your name.
 5. **SIG's (Special Interest Groups)**
 - a. **Legacy Family Tree** - Barb Krecklow - Meets 1st Tuesday at 1 pm-check for an update to the room.
 - b. **DAR** - Contact Holly Gibson or Lynne Brooke.
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM/WC conference Room #3.
 - d. **Family Tree** - Karen Haider, May 4th 1-3PM, Genealogy Library
 6. **Program Committee** - Karen Hasselbach. We are always looking for speaker recommendations, so if you have heard a good one at a conference or meeting you have attended please let us know.
 7. **Monitor Training** - Joan Allen Seventeen monitors covered twenty-eight time slots in December and 128 people signed in to use the room. If you are a monitor, please sign up for a time at least once a month. If you aren't a monitor, please consider training to become one. The more

our lab is open, the more our members can use the databases our dues pay for. Monitors are NOT required to help, they are there to open the room and report computer problems. If a monitor is available to help they will indicate it on the comment line on the club calendar.

8. **Display Case** - Helen & Bob Jennette - the current display celebrates all our wonderful volunteers that keep our club running.
9. **Hospitality** - Carol Fouch & Carol Bowman - 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the table.
10. **Marketing** - Holly and Lee. Help us think of creative ways to encourage more people to join our club. Turnover rate in the community as a whole is about 50% over the last several years. We need to reach out to new community members and stimulate interest in our organization.
11. **Field Trips** - Details for other presentations are available either on our website or by following links on our website to the various groups (on right side of home page)
 - a. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - Saturday, April 21st, 1PM-3PM at the Banner-University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Ave, DuVal Auditorium (room 2600). Speaker: Amy Urman "How to Cite Your DNA Results" and Joey Caccaro "Using Gedmatch to Work with your DNA" for the featured program. See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org>.
 - b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** - Thursday, May 3rd, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Speaker not posted yet. See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
 - c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** - Tuesday, April 17th, 2-3 PM. Sunflower Village Center. Buzz Brooks "Best Practices for Setting up a Family Tree" See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfqs/
 - d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - Thursday, April 19th 1-3PM. Ed Storey "English Government Records, the British Library and the British National Archives". See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** - Karen Hasselbach. Sign-up sheet for next fall/winter in back.
2. **DNA Beginners Class** - Teri Petty. Last meeting was April 2nd

3. **Help for Beginners** - Wednesday afternoons in Genealogy lab through April. Some other times as well. See calendar for details. Love to have some more volunteer mentor monitors. Thank you to Sharon Larson for volunteering.
4. **Saturday Shorts** -
 - Only open labs from now on. Check calendar for availability.
 - Looking for ideas and volunteers for next year's Saturday Shorts
 - Topics you would like to see
5. **Computer Club Room** - we can now offer classes in the computer room. If you have a class you would like to teach, please get in touch with Andrea Houston or Karen Hasselbach.

- **New Business**

1. **Treasurer installation** - Debra Dirks was officially installed as Treasurer.
2. **Volunteer of the Year** - Bob and Helen Jeannette were selected by the Board as our Volunteers of the Year. They were present with a cake which they graciously shared with members attending the meeting, as well as flowers.
3. **Room Security** - We recently have had incidents of people who are not club members using the room. Temporary solution, a list of current monitors is at the front desk so please don't be offended if Lisa asks for your name. A permanent solution is to install a keypad for the door lock - this is currently in process.
4. **Software Survey** - Andrea is working on one. Currently we pay for the highest level of Ancestry (includes International records, Fold3 and a basic subscription to Newspapers.com) and GenealogyBank (has different newspapers than Newspapers.com) Please think about what software you want in the club room.
5. **Internet Explorer Issues** - Family Search no longer supports Internet Explorer so you have to use Chrome to access it. This will permanently be solved once we get our new machines, until then, Mike Carroll is installing Chrome on the PCs.
6. **Social Events** - most other clubs have either a fall or spring (or both) social event. The club used to have a banquet. Any interest in a

fall social event (maybe a potluck international food diner or lunch) or a spring social event (catered with entertainment)?

- **Old Business**

1. **Courtyard Sale** - See report at end. We made \$811. Thank you to: Wally and Joanne Bowman, Liz and George Daniels, Lee and Nancy Sopwith, Dan Rinks, Barbara Evans, Mary Barr, Bob and Helen Jennette, Pat Brown, Dee Erlandson, Dianne Parrott, Karen Hasslebach, Vivian Lizalde for all their help.
2. **Monitor Handbook** - we are in the process of creating one. We would love to have your suggestions and input.
3. **Monitors** - We want everyone to come and use the room, but please remember that most monitors are only there to open the room and report any problems with the computers. If a monitor is willing to be a mentor and help out, that information will be listed on the description line. Through April, Wednesday afternoons and some Tuesday afternoons will be "help for beginners" in the lab. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Andrea Houston or Lee Sopwith.
4. **Computer Replacement Plan** - contacting vendors, have one response so far and in the process of request one to two more quotations.

- **April Speaker**

Robert Wilbanks "*Faith of our Fathers - Searching Church Records*"

- **May Speaker**

Katie Gertz "*City Directories*"

Thank you to all the volunteers... We can't do it without you.

Adjourn for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson

Treasurer

Attachment

Courtyard Sale Report

1. We took in \$997.60 at the sale. That may not be the end of it. I have someone who might be interested in the Hopi stick pins and someone who may want the 3rd bar stool (I only put 2 in the sale because I figured 3 wouldn't sell).
2. I owe the copy jar \$11.40 (which I took for change) and we paid \$75 for 3 tables. That leaves a current profit of \$911.20. I feel good about it as I had only budgeted \$800.
3. I will make the deposit on Monday, after the DNA class, so will get the final numbers then. (I counted the money when I was tired, so I may have made a mistake).
4. I want to thank the following people (I sent them all a thank you email, and I told them that unless they objected, I would have their names added to the Board minutes, and would publicly thank them at the general meeting. I believe Lee also sent them all a thank you email). Lee, I need to either send your neighbors a thank you card, or email them.
 1. Wally and Joanne Bowman – loading, transportation, and unloading (and they are not even members of the club, just neighbors to Lee).
 2. Liz and George Daniels – loading, transportation, unloading and delivery of left overs to the Goose. Note, George is an amazing packer, he crammed more stuff in that minivan than you could imagine.
 3. Lee and Nancy Sopwith – loading, transportation, unloading, clean-up, sales. These two put in a very long day and did a huge amount of work. Lee also helped me with presale items (posted on the Activity Center board).
 4. Dan Rinks – loading, transportation, unloading, clean-up, and putting up with an overflowing garage.
 5. Barbara Evans – loading, transportation, unloading, sales. She also put in a long day.
 6. Mary Barr – sales
 7. Bob and Helen Jennette – sales
 8. Pat Brown – sales and clean-up
 9. Dee Erlandson – sales, clean-up and delivery of left overs to the Goose.
 10. Dianne Parrott – sales
 11. Karen Hasselbach – sales
 12. Vivian Lizalde – pricing and packing – Vivian put in about 10 hours helping me price and pack donations.