

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2020

- I. Approval of Minutes – a motion to approve was made, seconded, and voted on. Minutes from last general meeting were approved.
- II. Lab Report – Pat Brown
 - a. Number of Time Slots of Lab Open – 27 (out of 41 possible)
 - b. Number of Monitors Signed Up – 17
 - c. Number of people using the lab – 131 (all time slots, all monitors, multiple visits)
 - d. Number of unique visits – 81 individuals (membership is 149, so that is 59-60% of the members use the lab)
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Posted on website, no questions or changes, sent to audit
- IV. Library Report – Andrea Houston
 - a. New layout complete – go take a look
 - b. Still need to organize and catalog books – hopefully start in summer or fall
 - c. “screen” for projector will be a white sheet – set up on Wednesday or Thursday this week
 - d. Brought 4 sample books from the library, will try starting in October to bring some each meeting.
 - e. Return books on the desk in the library.
- V. Nominations for 2020-2021 Officers:
 - a. President – Lee Sopwith
 - b. Vice President – Teri Petty
 - c. Secretary – Pat Brown
 - d. Member-at-large – Art Petty
 - e. Treasurer – no nomination as yet, Lee tried to get one from the floor and no volunteers. Read by-laws that state that if no nominations, the board can appoint a treasurer
- VI. New Members
 - a. New Member Folders – Nancy Sopwith – are in a folder on the table next to the small printer in the computer lab. One new member introduced herself
- VII. Visitors
 - a. One visitor introduced herself
- VIII. Wait ‘til you hear what I found!
 - a. Lee told a story about finding a Smalley Cemetery by clicking on a link for a local genealogical society (found through Google) where a local genealogist offers to help look in the county you are interested in. He got an immediate response, and in two-three days had his questions answered, and directions to the family cemetery.
- IX. Committees

- a. Photos for Tree – Mary Barr – need more pictures please. 5X7, copies (no originals) and information about who, when, where and how they are related. Lee showed his current favorite, a family on a motorcycle and sidecar.
 - b. Display Case – Bob and Helen Jennette – absent
 - c. Program Committee – Lee Sopwith, Karen Hasselbach & Linda Shufflebean
 - i. Have a plan in place with several topics, some will be webinars from famous genealogists that are not local in an attempt to get more variety and more outsiders in our programs
 - ii. Holly will do a program on Land Records, Linda will do one on 50 Best Genealogy sites, and they are working on several others
 - d. Hospitality – Suzan Peterson and Sharon Held – thank you to Pat, Carol, Carol and Flo for bringing cookies. Are all set for April
 - e. Suggestion Box – we have one by the sign-in sheet in the library. Art Petty has volunteered to monitor it and bring suggestions from it to the board. We encourage you to use the suggestion box with your ideas. One suggestion from the meeting is to have a file drawer of the handouts from the speakers.
- X. SIGs (all SIGs are free and open to all members)
- a. Legacy – 1st Tuesday of the month (April 7th) at 1PM in Welcome Center conference room 1
 - b. DNA – Art and Teri Petty – 3rd Wednesday of the month (March 18th) at 1PM in Genealogy Library
 - c. Family Tree Maker – Karen Haider – Friday, March 13th at 1PM in Genealogy Library
 - d. Roots Magic – Sharon Larsen – no more planned until further notice
 - e. Scandinavian – Nancy Sopwith
 - i. Consensus seemed to be Wednesdays, so next meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 9AM in Genealogy Library.
 - ii. There may be one more at the end of March, but that would be the last one until the fall
- XI. Refreshments
- XII. Speaker – Sumner Walters – topic: Lunacy, Litigation & Love Gone Bad – Oh, My, What you Won't Find in the Courthouse
- a. Handouts are on the webpage and one copy is on the bulletin board above the printer in the computer lab for you to make copies.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Andrea Houston substituting for Pat Brown, Secretary