

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
May 13, 2020

May 13, 2020, regular AGS Board meeting was called to order by Chair Marty Brady at 1:15 PM conducted through the internet using the ZOOM conferencing application.

The following persons were present.

Elected Officers:

- Martin Brady, *President*
- John Schlue, *Vice-President*
- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Facilitator*
- Bob Harper, *Treasurer*
- Linda Koch, *Past President*
- Susan Johnston, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term)*
- Louise Rosett, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term) & Online Book Sales*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- John Farris, *DNA SIG Facilitator*
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*

Guests:

The following persons were absent.

Elected Officers:

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Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- VACANT, *Historian*

Marty Brady (President):

Additions/changes to the Agenda: Louise Rosett made a motion to approve /John Schlue 2nd the Motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the April Minutes (Motion:): Accepted

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Marty reported the AGS 50th Anniversary is coming up soon. He talked with Lynda Katonak about getting started with planning. John Farris suggested to Marty to get started early because 2022 will come real soon. Marty said we will hear more next time.

Marty reported on the table purchase. Stu sent items to Lisa and she preferred the Amazon tables on the list. Lisa in an email said to have them shipped to Library. Since the Board's last meeting, the table cost went up by 50% on Amazon. John Schlue says buy them before they go up again. Tiffani says we should do it. Linda Koch made a motion to approve and John Schlue 2nd the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marty reported on the Zoom Meeting: It is not free and the Webinar format is more expensive. Zoom meetings greater than 40 minutes are \$15/month; the Webinar is \$40/month and the total for this month \$59/month. Sue Johnston wanted to know the difference between meeting and webinar formats. Marty said the normal Webinar allows 100 members and 25 panelists. Regular meetings are limited to only 100 people. The Webinar format allows for greater control with panelists and attendees do not have audio. Motion: Stuart Murray to approve \$59 payment to Marty, Louise Rosett 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

There was further discussion about the webinar today. Marty reported the video will be posted to Internet Archive with attachments by Stuart and link provided to members.

John Farris suggested we create a DNA educator. John Farris thinks Phil Spivey is a solid contributor and be appointed to the Board. Linda Koch said we need a job description. John Farris said Phil Spivey would be to educate members about DNA topics. Further discussion continued about Phil's contributions to DNA Linda Koch made a motion to create the DNA Educator position. Stu -2nd the motion. Louise Rosett commented we would have two DNA positions on the Board (DNA SIG and DNA educator). The motion passed unanimously.

The Marketing position is still open. Marty sent an email a couple of days ago to a possible candidate. He said he is not expecting a response. Linda Koch suggested we have a subcommittee to ask about goals for publicity. Discussion continued about what efforts worked and what didn't. The Board needs to look back on board minutes to see who volunteered. The topic was tabled for a subcommittee and marketing/publicity position until we can get back together in person.

John Schlue (Vice-President):

None

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):

None

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):

Bob Harper reported the Board received the Albuquerque Community Fund endowment for the year. AGS has upward of \$32k in savings and checking. Rosemary sent financials to everyone. Marty reported AGS has assets of \$35k.

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Linda Koch (Past-President):

Linda reported one concern wondering how some people on board were doing. She thought the email chain sent out by John F about what is going on in our lives was a good idea. How are we all doing this time and can we be socially engaged with one another. She would like to know how everyone is doing. Carol Everton's computer is down it was reported. Bob Harper said he called her and she is doing fine, but she may be afraid to ask for help. Marty said Marianne participated today at the Zoom Webinar and there was more discussion about Marianne's condition. Linda Koch might talk with Marianne to assist on the 50th Anniversary to collect stories about members who served. Frankie said Ginny K is one of the longest members. Linda Koch suggested members write stories and collect those stories for the 50th. Linda Koch is concerned about everyone and would like to send out emails to everyone to see how we are surviving the pandemic. Tiffani has been doing it on FB. Sue Johnston says she has been doing it with her bridge group. Linda Koch should send out an email to Board and John Farris thinks that is a great idea. Linda Koch said if you think of anyone beyond our board and we can add them to the list. Sue thinks we should send a general message to the general membership to ask if anyone needs help with genealogy. Marty asked do we have board contact info on the website? ?

Lynda Katonak added there is a contact list of people such as Ginny K and Karen Jones (she was in charge of the 40th **(See Correction below)** anniversary). I will contact some of the people. Ideas? Team? Tiffani wanted to know is the program to be like the December format? Lynda said how do we want to promote AGS and what can we do with membership to put us out in the community. More discussion about talk shows, NPR, and other programs. Is it a party but how do we get us out into the community. Might it be an open house at the AGS center? Many people do not know about the AGS genealogy. John Farris asked what we did for the 40th might be helpful **(Correction: Both Karen Jones and Rosemary Winkler have reported by emails it was the 30th Anniversary, not the 40th. Rosemary, since the meeting in an email, said Harry Kinney was Mayor until 1985 and would not have been at the 40th as Mayor. – added by Stuart)**. Lynda Katonak said AGS did have an event and we used the main library. There was a Fashion show in period clothes. Mayor Kinney even joined at the time **(see Correction above)**. John Farris said there should be a record in the file room? Lynda Katonak is not sure. She said the AGS file book may have been culled. Discussion continued if 50th Anniversary should be a long term thing rather than a single day. Tiffani said we need to get younger people involved, maybe get kids to do a kid's corner. AGS should schedule a Saturday event to allow families to participate. Sue Johnston talked about her experience in Maryland and schools. Discussion continued with associations with Schools and be an asset. Lynda Katonak reported she had 5th and 7th graders study NM history. Teachers would come to the library. Stuart suggested going to the APS Board a couple of months before 2022 to plant the seeds for educators. Victoria Sullivan remembers going to the Menaul School and Lynda Katonak had a language arts teacher who did multiple topics of research.

Susan Johnston (Member-at-Large):

None

Louise Rosett (Member-at-Large & Online Book Orders):

Louise reported eBay sales have been spectacular. People have money to spend and in April she

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sold 15 books. The PayPal account now has \$1848.51 after March expenses over \$1k in materials for the library. May sales are continuing. Someone is benefiting from the quarantine. AGS has 241 books in the eBay store worth \$5700.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

- John Farris, *DNA SIG Facilitator*
We have had DNA SIGS meetings by Zoom. Both times have been successful and we had about the same # of people (14 to 15 people.) Everyone had a chance to talk about their successes and problems. A lot of problems were solved. The only problem with Zoom, the list on the side keeps changing the order. John said he is pleased with Zoom. Phil Spivey gave the lecture last Saturday, in the Zoom meeting format and it was a good presentation. John said getting back to Linda K's question about how we are doing, John Farris's brother who turned 93 has tested positive for Covid-19 (Marshall Farris.) He currently is in a Covid recovery facility (Genesis facility). (Note: Since the date of the Board meeting, the Board was sad to hear of Marshall Farris' wife passing)
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
Lynda talked about the 50th Anniversary coming up in 2022. Currently, Research days at the Library are gone and she misses the socialization it brings. Bob Harper talked about a letter found by Lisa. There was discussion by the Board about a possible Zoom Research Day? Marty said breakout rooms available on Zoom. Something to think about if the lockdown continues and AGS is not allowed back into the Library.
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
Victoria reported she laments she cannot do the things she wanted to do. She has been sick.
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
Not Present
- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
Not present
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
Not Present
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
Not Present
- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*
Nothing to report. Marty asked Mike if he gets the attachment to you can you post to the website. Mike responded yes.
- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
Frankie reported on the Zoom webinar (there were 5 panelists and 21/22 attendees). Good program by Waleed Ashoo. Frankie said the program was very good. "Summer Stories" was originally scheduled for our June 10 meeting, but that will not work well with the Zoom format. Louise had suggested to Frankie that we ask Lisa Kindrick to speak on

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how to donate our family heirlooms and /or genealogy research to the library. Frankie has asked Lisa to give our June program, and Lisa is considering it. Another suggestion from Tiffani was to ask Rabbi Jordan Gendra, whom she met at Roots Tech, to speak to us on the history of Spanish Jews expelled during the Inquisition and their influence on New Mexico culture. If Lisa agrees to do the June program, Frankie will ask Rabbi Gendra to do July. Nancy Greenberg was originally scheduled to give her updated "Westward Ho" program in July, but family business obligations have forced her to postpone that indefinitely. If we get into Library, maybe we could do summer stories. But the library may not allow large groups. Victoria asked has anyone participated in the Mayor's telephone meetings. The Mayor has suggested that the City may not open till July. Lynda Katonak said it might be a phased-in process for opening. Frankie thought the Zoom webinar worked well. Lisa may need some help getting the program put together. Lynda thinks people may need help with how to tune in. Victoria said her group had a couple of practice chats. People think they don't have the right equipment. Marty talked about Zoom scamming and how Zoom is doing a lot to protect participants. It's scary to people. The practice session is good. Lisa Kindrick might bring some of the family histories already donated. John Farris said Lisa has been cataloging basement items (interesting things found). Maybe she might describe her finds.

- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
Tiffani said she sent out one card. Playing off Frankie's comments, she met the Rabbi at RootsTech. She recently talked with him about 3 weeks ago. His project is about Crypto-Jews in NM. He is now moving on to Portugal. He wanted to know if Tiffani could help. Tiffani thought it is a cool project. He is cataloging families of New Mexico and tracing them back to Portugal. Discussion continued about using him for a lecture. Linda Koch was asking whether the NMGS October conference was still on. We didn't schedule an AGS meeting for October and encouraged our members to participate in the NMGS conference. Lynda Katonak thought the Board should send a Survey monkey as a blast about program ideas for next year. Frankie can work with Marty to create a survey.

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New Business

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart E. Muncy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the "Secretary" label.

Secretary

June 10, 2020

Date