

Ford Genealogy Club Minutes May 14, 2015

1) Welcome - Jerry Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Attending: 11

Sharon Brevoort

Gerry Milkie

Jerry & Laura Jacobs

Nancy & Jack Kelly

Diane & Chuck Oslund

Mike Saulsberry

Bob Beiting

Barb Snow (speaker)

Not Attending:

Mark & Karen Krugman (at national convention)

2) Treasurer's report

Starting balances (as of April 4):

Checking	106.32				
Savings	589.65				
Total DFCU			\$ 686.97		
Income			\$ 661.03		
Dividends	0.03			Dividends	
Dues	36.00			Dues	
FERA	625.00			FERA Club Certification	
Expenses			\$ 60.00		
Speaker Fee	50.00			Rob Hoffman talk April 9	
Projector Fee	10.00			Diane Oslund for April 9 talk	
Transfer - Savings to Checking		\$ 100.00		April 8 to cover upcoming checks	
Transfer - Checking to Savings		\$ 600.00		April 24 - keep most money in savings	

Current balance (as of May 13):

Checking	171.32				
Savings	1116.68				
Total DFCU			\$1288.00		
Upcoming Expenses (approx.)		\$ 100.00		May 14 Speaker&Projector fee; join MGC	

3) FERA certification - FGC had never before qualified, but not is certified as a small club. Thanks to Mark & Karen Krugman for their work on the FERA board and as representatives from FGC.

4) FERA Open House - Jerry Jacobs worked at a table for FGC and signed several good prospects for new members.

5) FGC mailbox - The U.S. Post Service is insisting that the FGC mailbox have a Social Security number attached to the account, despite the fact that we have had the account for over 20 years. No resolution to the question at this time.

6) Tri-fold flyer - samples of the new flyer were distributed. It includes

- Who We Are
- Membership dues and benefits
- Speakers
- Meeting location, directions and security procedures

7) New stuff

Kalkaska County, Michigan, newspapers from 1879-2012 have been digitized and are searchable thru the county library;

"Seeking Michigan" images of death certificates formerly available from 1897-1920 has been extended to 1937. In addition an index is available for 1938-1952;

Bob Beiting provided everyone with 11" x 14" copies of a page from a 1903 Atlas & Gazetteer showing a street map of Detroit. Note: the city boundaries stop at Outer Drive !

8) Upcoming speakers - on Sept. 10, Gerry Milkie will speak on Eastern Catholic church records.

9) Speaker - Barb Snow on "Divorce in the 1800s" Barb has been a member for over 40 years of the Genealogical Society of Washetaw County.

Topics covered in her talk included:

The 1800s were an important century for sociological development around this subject. Excellent book is "The Road to Reno" (out of print). Divorce

law was a state matter and varied widely from simple abandonment to need to prove one party at fault. Therefore sources of information include prison records (common reason for abandonment), newspaper advertisements (of "not responsible for debts"), legislature proceedings, pension records, as well as court records.

10) Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. A larger than usual number of members met for dinner at Ollie's, possibly because there would be no monthly meetings till September.