

**Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County  
Minutes of the March 23, 2019 Meeting**

**GSOC Meeting:** 2019\_03\_23

**Call to order:** 10:36 am

Welcomed Betsey Plantholt – winner of GSOC membership at the FHF and Jodie Miles another new member. Lots of visitors were present.

**Approval of February Minutes:** Jon Sheperd had a correction about the lunches. He read his change and presented it to Barb to correct the minutes. Phil moved the minutes be approved as amended – they were approved.

**Finance Report** – Phil

Bank Balance: \$1206.90 with blue box balance of \$678.90.

**Membership Report** – Jerry - from email

Looks like almost everyone has renewed.

**Correspondence** – Val

If you have changed your email please let Val know.

**Newsletter** – Ed

He has updated the look for the newsletter.

**Genealogy Report** – Margaret

Margaret brought the banner today. It has been to several conferences and the conference disks are attached. We will try to find a way to hang it at the meetings.

**Project Lead** - Donna Elliot, Beverly

Beverly updated us on the Quick Sheet. They finished the section on the Heritage Museum. They found a lot of GSOC journals and scrapbooks that she brought to the meeting.

**Website** – Jim

Nothing new

**Other Reports:**

Dean Debolt was a surprise guest. He presented us with a digital copy of our scrapbooks.

Marion Roberts donated several Louisiana Journals to our collection.

## **Presidents Report:**

- Cindy passed around information on State Library & Archives of Florida Presentation: 20 Things you Didn't Know You Would Find at the State Library.
- **Library Volunteers: Wednesdays 1-4** Volunteers signed up for manning the library. GSOC will make volunteers available each Wednesday to help patrons and assist the library with the Genealogy books and questions. Volunteers who can answer DNA questions will be identified so the library can make patrons aware of when this help will be available.
- **Library** - We have plenty of shelf space in the library. We are trying to get donations from other libraries. Members are also encouraged to donate.
- **Day of DNA – April 27** – Flyers were placed in each Okaloosa County library and sent to all area libraries and Genealogical Societies. Dean DeBolt took some for the Archives. Crestview Library has received some which are being sent down here. Registrations are coming in.

**Presentation: Tom Sajwaj** - What have I accomplished? or What Am I Gonna do with my Genealogy Stuff?

Information was presented on possible final products for your genealogy (comprehensive books, scrapbooks, working binders, dedicated websites, etc.). Several options were presented on what to do with the final products you create. Tom passed out many handouts including “My Genealogical Will for Preserving My Family History”.

Jan O'Neal presented notebooks she is using to preserve her information (things she owns, family history information, etc.). Hilma Jenus presented how she gathers information from individuals and preserves it. She uses a book “Grandma, Tell Me Your Memories” for the questions she asks the individuals. Tom then presented a digital history of his sister. Tom received a container of honey donated by Ed Crosby as a token of appreciation for his presentation.

Dean DeBolt gave a small talk after Tom's presentation - The University of West Florida, University Archives and Family History Center in Pensacola will accept family history, collections and items. He actually had someone come in and get information about his grandfather that had been stored for 40 years.

Door prizes were won by Francis Hoge and Ed Crosby.

Next meeting is April 27 – Day of DNA at the Crestview Library.

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:12 pm.