

SGGEE
Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe

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**MINUTES OF FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre
JULY 20th, 2002, Regina, Saskatchewan**

There were approximately 64 members in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Ingram at 1:10 PM, with Virginia Less, Recording Secretary present.

An announcement was made that a group photograph of attendees plus individual pictures will be taken at the end of this meeting by Ian Fife.

Minutes of the Third Annual meeting were distributed and approved by members present.

Committee reports:

Finance. Irwin Feldcher reported that the financial records of SGGEE had been reviewed by the Finance Committee which included besides himself member Edwin Koeppen. SGGEE finances are in good standing. 98% of our revenue comes from the membership dues. Expenditures for research is about 35% of our budget. For 2002 total revenue - \$12,766.56. As of now a balance of \$7,292.95 remains.

Website. Gary Warner reported that a number of changes and additions have been made including Jerry Frank's maps of Volhynia and Poland. The St. Petersburg records are now available. The SGGEE listserv monitored by Jerry Frank needs more queries and responses by members. The new Parish Records Index (PRI) of Polish records also is now available. The Pedigree database currently holds 213,000 names.

Membership. John Marsch reported that as of now SGGEE has 318 members including 5 honorary members. We exchange newsletters with other organizations. Majority of the Journal issues are sent through the computer with about 97 members receiving it through regular postal mail. Membership breakdown: USA 156, Canada 152, Germany 6, Denmark 2, Australia 1.

Convention. John Marsch reported that a \$6,000 grant funding would be received to help cover costs. There are an approximate 300 plus registrants with 62 being SGGEE members. Five of our members are among the speakers - Jerry Frank, Dave Obee, Dick Benert, Al Muth and Gary Warner.

Journal. Bill Fife reported that we exchange Journals with 4 Societies and one Library, the Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He would like more family stories submitted for publication in the coming year.

Library. Howard Krushel reported that SGGEE is in the building stage with our collection. A number of donated books have been collected this past year. Higher visibility and a more permanent location for this library is being considered.

Village/Regional Coordinator. Virginia Less also asked that more stories on Life in Volhynia be submitted so that a booklet can be published within the next year. Regarding the V/R project it is just in the beginning stages. We are seeking volunteers to submit their research information on villages or areas in order to provide material for a proposed website so that new researchers can access easily.

Research. Rose Ingram reported that the large number of names on the SGGEE Pedigree database is the result of the research by Al Muth. 23 other volunteers are working to supply data for the Parish Records Index Database. This information can now be accessed in the Members Only Section, because we finally received permission from the Polish Archives and LDS to publish them. This project began 2-3 years ago and is known on SGGEE's website as the Parish Records Index (PRI). Part of the contractual agreement to enable us to extract and post the PRI was that supply Salt Lake City Genealogical Society with an electronic copy of our data.

New Business:

Auditors:

Request was made for two auditors to review the financial records of SGGEE, for the coming year. Carol Burns and Earl Schultz volunteered, and approved.

Directors:

Rose Ingram informed the members there are four Directors whose 2 year term was ending those being Karl Lenz, Jan Butler, Howard Krushel and Irwin Feldcher.

Candidates submitted for the four positions of Directors for a period of 2 year each are Jack Milner, John Marsch, Irwin Feldcher and Howard Krushel. Rose Ingram called for any candidates from the floor, and there being none, Bill Fife moved and Jerry Frank seconded that these four be accepted. Motion carried.

SGGEE Logo. John Marsch announced that a logo has been created for SGGEE and can be previewed in the FEEFHS syllabus. John would like comments for future development and use of the logo.

Meeting adjourned 2:10 PM.

Virginia Less, Recording Secretary.