

Brandywine Crucible General Membership Meeting, June 8, 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m. by President Joe Cox

Minutes were presented to and read by the general membership for approval. A motion was made by Gary Robertson and seconded by Ladean Bowman to approve the minutes. The motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Joeen Sutton provided copies of the Treasurer's report for review. There is currently \$11,639.62 in the account, however approximately \$6,000 was a special donation for the DNA fund. A motion was made by Steve Taylor and seconded by Scott Cox to approve the report. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. Discussion of items from 2022/23 meetings:
 1. Include in our annual meeting/reunion program a presentation(s) dealing with document presentation and research techniques (repeat item); the presentation given earlier in the day by Monte Monroe of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library addresses this request. However, the group would like someone from a library or genealogy society on specific research techniques.
 2. Presentation dealing with family's spiritual journey (carry over from 2021); the family was primarily composed of Quakers and Church of England when they first immigrated to America. As time progressed they joined many denominations. The original suggestion was for someone to track the spiritual journey and the catalyst for the change in denominations. This has been deemed too complicated and no one has expressed interest in leading the research. A motion was made by Connie Birth and seconded by Ladean Bowman to permanently table this suggestion with the option for individual family member who wish to present stories/information on their own personal family lines with regards to this topic may do so. The motion passed
 3. Create a list of locations/sites throughout the country of importance in our Brandywine Crucible family history.
 4. Replace golf tournament with tours of local Cox historical places (carry over from 2021): Numbers 3 and 4 were addressed together. A motion was made by Scott Cox and seconded by Joyce Robertson for the board to further discuss having the family devotional (on Sunday morning) at the Long Meadows Cemetery, or other local Cox cemeteries, the motion passed.
 5. Develop and email questionnaire to determine interest in tours of family areas and sites. This has been attempted with no success. A motion was made by Joyce Robertson and seconded by Elaine Owens to email Lisa Sullivan, any known areas of interest or significance to the Cox Family (to include a synopsis of why it is important) which will then be posted on Facebook, the website, and the newsletter. The motion passed

Report of Organizational Activities:

- a. Joyce Jenkins has agreed to take over the Military Picture Project from Marty Burnett.

- b. The publication committee encourages individuals to write short biographies of family members/family stories and send them to the committee chairman (Gary Sutton) to be posted on the website or included in the newsletter. People are reminded they shouldn't include any personal identifiers (address, date of birth, etc.) for living individuals in the story. Gary and Joyce Robertson have volunteered to work on the publication committee.
- c. Connie Birth gave an update on the merchandise project. The original supplier has gone out of business however, she has found a new company which requires a minimum purchase of 5 shirts. There are other items available as well. The Board will continue to work on this.

Other Business: a suggestion was made to post all emails on Facebook and the website as occasionally emails end up in the junk folder and members are unaware of events.

Report of nominations chair and election of directors:

- a. Connie Birth and Lisa Sullivan have agreed to be renominated for another term.
- b. Nancy Cox Borum has stepped down and Cristi Tovar has been nominated to replace her.
- c. Joe Cox has stepped down and Margi Romine has been nominated to replace him.

A motion was made by Joe Cox and seconded by Gary Robertson to accept these nominations.

Adjournment was at 3:40 pm