

Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogy Society

Annual Member Meeting

October 9, 2021

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

The membership of the **Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogy Society** met on October 9, 2021, at 11:00 am in a virtual web meeting on Zoom at the 41th annual **Oktoberfest (Virtual)** gathering. Approximately 15 members of the Society were present during the meeting.

President Beth Guess presided, welcoming everyone to the 41st OGSGS Oktoberfest, **calling the meeting to order** at 11:25 am. Mrs Guess thanked the following: past president Pam Hansen for her work on Oktoberfest, the Indian Head presentation, and the Newsletter; Eric Powell and Jim Rickenbacker for the technical arrangements making the virtual Oktoberfest possible; and the presenters, Dr Jason Lee, David Brinkman, Sarah O'Connor, Dorothy Coles and Gene Henriksen.

A summary of the **Minutes** from last year's meeting was given by the secretary, Mr Powell and he noted that the full minutes were available on the web site. Mrs Teague made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr Rickenbacker seconded. President Guess indicated that the minutes were accepted.

President Guess called on Acting Treasurer Mr Eric Powell for the **Treasurer's report**. The checking account balance was about \$5,705.74 on September 30. The PayPal balance was \$237.20. The Vanguard balances reserve fund balances were \$36,528.66 and \$116.883.05 for a total of 153,411.71 as of September 30, 2020.

Mr Powell also gave the **Membership report** noting we have a total of 257 members, 116 life members, five honorary life and 22 complimentary members. Eighteen memberships expire in 2022, 58 in 2021, and there are 38 past due memberships.

Mr Delk was not able to attend the meeting to give a further **Fund Manager** report.

President Guess reported the **Newsletter Editor**, Mrs Hansen was not able to attend, but relayed her wish to thank Lynn Teague for her help with the newsletter production and Margaret Waters, Eric Powell, and the Salley Archives staff who helped with the mailing. She also wanted to remind everyone that the newsletter is always open for additional content, and submissions should be forwarded to her for inclusion.

President Guess then requested the **Webmeister Report**, from **Acting Temporary Webmeister** Jim Rickenbacker. He reported that he was continuing to keep the website running, and the most active pages were the Oktoberfest pages with the past presentations and the First Families

pages. He mentioned the DNA project, another large piece of the website had about 700 members. He reported the only major changes to the website recently was a change to the Oktoberfest registration to automate the confirmation emails.

Next, Ms Margaret Waters reported on the **DNA project**. She stated that there were currently 761 members in the project, and that we still need to receive lineage charts from a large number, and that without the lineage charts, members cannot get the full benefit of DNA testing results.

At this time, President Guess announced the slate of new **Executive Board Officers** for the next two years (2022-2024):

President: Beth Guess

Vice President: Pamela Hansen

Secretary: Eric Powell

Temporary Treasurer: Eric Powell

At Large Board Members: Carol McIver, Bob Connelly

President Guess asked for nominations from the floor, and there were none. She then moved that the slate of officers be accepted, and the motion was seconded by multiple members. President Guess then asked that all members signify their vote through the Zoom program. The result was unanimous For, with no opposition to the motion.

Mr Powell made some announcements about the **Virtual Oktoberfest**, reminded people to follow along on the Oktoberfest page as the sessions become available throughout the day.

President Guess asked for a **motion to adjourn** which was given by Mr Powell, with Mrs Teague making a second, and she adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Powell

Secretary

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