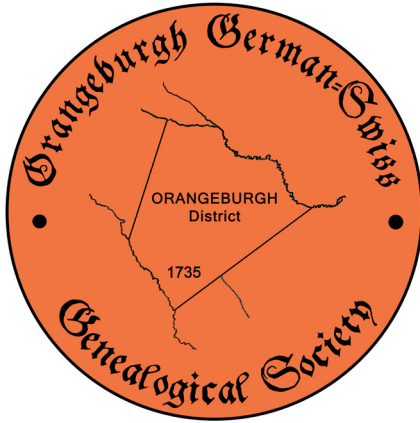




Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogical Society Oktoberfest 2017

Session 02

Annual Business Meeting

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OGSGS Membership

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Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society

Oktoberfest 2017

October 20th and 21st, 2017

At the First Baptist Church Family Life Center

2875 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC

Program Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

Salley Archives open for research (1421 Middleton St)..... 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Registration – Family Life Center 4:00 – 6:15 PM

Exhibit Area open – Family Tables, Vendors..... 4:00 – 6:15 PM

S01a President's Dinner (Welcome by President Margaret Waters)..... 6:30 PM

S01b Speaker: Robert C. Jones, *South Carolina in the Revolutionary War*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

Exhibit Area open – Family Tables, Vendors..... 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration (coffee, juice, pastries, and fruit available)8:30 AM

S02 Annual Business Meeting including election of officers and board9:00 AM

S03 *Gone to Texas: An Orangeburgh District Migration to Texas*, Jim Rickenbacker..9:30 AM

S04 *Platz, Plats, Platts, Platt of the Salkehatchie*, Rose Marie Williams10:15 AM

S05 *What's New at the Salley Archives*, Eric Powell.....10:30 AM

Break.....10:45 AM

S06 *Findings from a Recent Study of the Battle of Eutaw Springs*, Charles Baxley.....11:00 AM

S07 *Special Presentation to OGS GS*, Rev. Harold Syfrett11:50 AM

Lunch (reservations required) 12:00 – 1:00 PM

S08 *Ethnicity Results from Autosomal DNA tests*, Lynn Teague 1:15 PM

S09 *Simple Tools to use with your FTDNA Family Finder Test*, Pamela Hansen..... 1:45 PM

S10 DNA Question and Answer Session, Lynn Teague and Margaret Waters..... 2:30 PM

Have a safe trip home!..... 3:00 PM

Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogy Society

Annual Member Meeting

October 15, 2016

Minutes

The membership of the Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogy Society met on October 15, 2016 at 9:00 am in the First Baptist Family Life Center during their annual Oktoberfest gathering. Approximately 35 members of the Society were present during the meeting.

President Margaret Waters presided and **called the meeting to order** at 9:12 a.m.

The **minutes** from last year's meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Eric Powell. A motion to accept was entertained, received and a second made. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

President Waters called on Dr. Lawton Salley for the **Treasurer's report**. Dr. Salley stated that he would give an overview, and detailed reports are available by request. The checking account balance is \$12,855. Oktoberfest 2016 expenses are not all paid yet and will likely reduce the balance to around \$10,000. He stated the balance hovers around this amount from year to year, with the bulk of expenses being printing and postage of the newsletter. The reserve fund (primarily life memberships) is \$15,000, the investment fund \$82,000 for a total of \$110,000. This is an increase from last year. The membership continues to remain the same at about 250-260 members as in the past five years.

Mrs. Pam Johnson was called on for the **First Families/Facebook report**: She reported that Facebook continues to be a good tool for reaching the membership. Currently the page has 605 likes. There are 58 families online in the First Families program on <http://www.ogsgs.org>. Submissions are open and welcome for additional first family biographies.

President Waters presented the report on the **DNA project**: As of October 13, there were 454 members, 368 autosomal, with 199 lineage charts posted on the private OGS/GS/DNA Project website. She reminded the participants that providing lineage/family tree information helps DNA participants get more useful results from the test data.

President Waters noted that although the newsletter editor, Mrs. Teague, was presently recovering well from knee surgery, and was not present, she anticipated that a similar report to last years would be given exhorting the need for newsletter articles. She stated that there had been some good articles in the past year, and it is beneficial to all for those submissions to continue.

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President Waters also called on the membership to volunteer to help in any capacity, as the organization is only as good as the participating members make it.

President Waters reminded everyone to make sure their email addresses were listed at the registration table so they may receive the Oktoberfest email survey, which is the best way to provide feedback to the board on Oktoberfest experiences, good or bad.

President Waters **asked for any other old or new business and entertained questions** from the floor. There were none.

At this time, President Waters declared the end of the meeting at 09:28 a.m. by moving on to the first speaker of the morning presentations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Powell
Secretary
2 January 2017