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◆ President's Notes

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President's Notes by Linda C. Koehler

For a number of years, the DCGS has been focused on maintaining our resources and gradually improving some services. We have kept an eye on the budget with the main objective of balancing dues to sustain the costs of publishing our quarterly, *The Dutchess*.

We feel the Name Search service is a useful way of reaching out to those who can't come to our library, and we have put much effort into improving our response time, which has been very slow in the past, and still depends heavily on the availability of a limited corps of volunteers. Another way of reaching out is to have a presence on the Internet. So we established a Web page under the care of our Projects VP Jan Foster, who has done a tremendous job maintaining and expanding the material on the site, while learning how to do it "on the job".

However, over the last several years, we have had a very

◆ Membership News

Roland E. Ormsby, Membership VP
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The surnames in this issue are first time entries and surnames not included in the Spring issue of the Newsletter. Remaining surnames will be published as space become available, but not later than the third (Spring) issue of THE DUTCHESS.

NOTE: E_mail addresses are updated only if a new US Postal address or surname list change is included. Names being researched are in **bold type**. (* may have more spellings).

Note: These listings are published only in the written version of the newsletter mailed out to members, and have been removed for this web version.

Visit NYG&B's website for upcoming activities and new library search options! Your editor will be at their October 29 meeting!

Visit our own web site for updates! [No room in this issue]

Budget from Linda Koehler 8/4/05

BUDGET 2005-2006

	INCOME			EXPENSES		
	2004-05 Budget	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 BUDGET	2004-05 Budget	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 BUDGET
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			\$21,588.78	----		----
Membership	\$4,500.00	\$4,625.00	\$4,500.00	\$350.00	\$170.43	\$200.00
Publications	\$1,000.00	\$848.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,200.00	\$4,912.00	\$5,200.00
Electronic Publication	-----	-----	-----	\$50.00	\$49.75	\$50.00
Research	\$1,200.00	\$907.00	\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$28.25	\$100.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$3,290.00	\$200.00	-----	-----	-----
Program	-----	-----	-----	\$400.00	\$302.08	\$475.00
Seminar	-----	-----*	\$1,100.00	-----	-----	\$1,100.00
Library	-----	-----	-----	\$220.00	\$205.07	\$225.00
Other	\$250.00	\$198.73	\$200.00	\$650.00	\$623.10	\$650.00
Totals	\$7,050.00	\$9,868.73	\$8,000.00	\$7,020.00	\$6,290.68	\$8,000.00
Special - Books / computer & printer				\$0.00	\$861.72 \$808.88 \$149.98	

From Linda Koehler, 4 Aug 05:

◆ MINUTES FOR DCGS BOARD MEETING

held Saturday, June 17, 2005, 10:00am at President Linda Koehler's home in Poughkeepsie, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Attending were: Linda Koehler, Dudley Schneider, Roland Ormsby, Ellie Shortle, Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, Bernie Rudberg, George Trigg, and Wayne Merrick. Absent: Betty Griffin, Jan Foster, Gil Leach, Melinda Carter.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Wayne Merrick and accepted with corrections added. Balance last reported 17 May 2005 was \$21,457.52. Ending balance as of 18 June 2005 was \$21,585.78. Minutes from the last board meeting (April 2005) were not available. Linda Koehler read her own notes of the last meeting

◆ COMMITTEE REPORTS

VP of Membership Roland Ormsby reported that 251 quarterlies were mailed out; we have 257 members (including family members).

VP of Name Search Bernie Rudberg reported that we have about a 4 month backlog in answering Name Search requests.

VP for Library Linda C. Koehler reported that activity levels in the library were normal. Changes have been made in the library hours due to changes in volunteers helping out at the library, and to accord with FHC desire to have at least 2 people working in the FHC/library at all times. *New Hours at the DCGS Library: Tuesday - 9am to 4pm, and 7-9pm; Thursday - mornings 9am to noon and evenings 7-9pm.*

VP for Program & Publicity Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer reported that the September and November meetings have been set up. Christine has received some replies to the survey on seminars sent out to society members and is in the process of analyzing them.

The status of current projects was reviewed based on Jan Foster's Projects report in April:

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Index to The Dutchess: Art Kelly has completed an every name index to all of the back issues of our quarterly which formerly were indexed only by surname. These are now available for sale to members at \$4 each. Linda Koehler is currently working on merging all of these indexes so that there is at least one copy of a complete merged index to The Dutchess available in the library. There was some discussion of whether in future we should include an index for each volume as part of Issue #4 of the quarterly, rather than issuing it separately at a later date.

New computer for the library - a new computer and printer has been installed at the FHC/DCGS Library for the use of patrons doing research on Dutchess County.

CD-ROMs, as well as some data and finding aid files are loaded on the computer; a number of sample genealogy programs were also downloaded for those who want to explore them.

Online newsletters - Jan informed the board by e-mail that all previous issues of the online version of the newsletters have been converted to pdf format, readable by the Adobe Acrobat Reader, due to the efforts of our Newsletter editor J. Douglas Leith. They are now posted online.

Under old business, Linda Koehler reported that a new **Renewal Form** was written up, and sent to Douglas Leith, who sent it to Sue Kelly Fitzgerald for inclusion with Issue #4 of the quarterly and newsletter.

A **survey** of the membership for ideas for Seminar topics and for suggestions on how to encourage attendance at the Fall 2005 seminar was conducted during the 2004/05 fiscal year.

Most of the meeting was taken up with **adopting a new budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year**. See the table below.

There was only a brief time for **new business**, introduced by the President, Linda Koehler. She would like the board to **develop and fund a major new project**. Due to some large contributions by an anonymous donor, the society is in the position to spend perhaps as much as \$5000 towards a new goal. As well as consideration of resources that could be developed, we need ideas on how to actually get the work done, since at the moment, most of our active volunteers in the local area are working on the Name Search committee or have Board responsibilities.

Some ideas quickly thrown out for consideration for resources that we might acquire and publish in some form (to be determined) include - Non-population censuses for Dutchess County; records from funeral homes; church records that have never been published; indexing of deeds; inventorying more obscure resources available around the county (local historical societies, local public libraries, town records). In terms of "publishing" data and making more available online, we could also investigate the costs of having our website professionally managed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

Budget matters...

See the table on page 3 for more details (*your editor found it hard to move the table into the right place in this issue!*)

Membership- Income is dues. **Expenses** include cost of correspondence with members (old & new); also copying costs for a new Surname List to be included with quarterly Issue #3 (Spring).

Publications - Income is from sale of back issues and indexes. **Expenses** include, but are not limited to, the cost of printing the quarterly and the newsletter; cost of mailing issues of the quarterly for members who join after the start of the fiscal year and after the quarterly has gone out in the bulk mailing; mailing expenses for indexes/back issues ordered; copying costs for out-of-print indexes/back issues.

Electronic Publications - No **income** expected. **Expenses** - intended to cover any costs of the website (such as domain name registration).

Research - Income is from payment for Name Searches. **Expenses** include costs of copying various standard forms and letters used in Name Search reports; photocopies supplied to patrons in the course of conducting a Name Search report; costs of copies of every name search report for our Family File; cost of mailing some Reports (envelopes & stamps if they were not included by patron or a Report is too large for the supplied SASE).

Donations - Income in the form of a voluntary gift. No **expenses** expected.

Program - No **income** expected, since we don't charge for admittance. **Expenses** - intended to cover speakers' fees, the costs of publicizing regular programs, etc.

Seminar - Income from registration fees and payment for meals. **Expenses** include speaker, rent for space, publicizing the event, supplies, etc.

Library - No **income** expected. **Expenses** - books, CDs, magazine subscriptions, supplies, etc.

Other - Income is interest on Certificates of Deposit. **Expenses** include, but are not limited to, insurance, FGS membership, Post Office Box rental and Post Office bulk mailing permit.

Special expenses authorized by the board later in the year of 2004/2005:

Library - updating Columbia County holdings to include all Kinship publications; also a group of new church records for Dutchess county published by Kinship.

DCGS computer and printer for the library
*****Much material left for next issue!*****