

## Ancestry Detectives Steering Committee Meeting Notes

10 Jan 2013

Present: Doug Crosby, IT; David Duncan, Communications; Bob Dedrick, Facilitation; Pam Hutchinson, Steering Committee Chair/recorder; Marilyn Dedrick, ad hoc

1. **Meeting Schedule:** Doug found that some years meetings were not held in June. Schools are still meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June, so meeting in June is logical. Confirmed we will keep previously agreed schedule with break months July-August and December.
2. **Contact info updates:** Meeting location has now been changed to Senior Center on website and in all notices. Agreed to keep Doug's phone number as the contact person. Kathy's email is listed as point of contact for prospective members
3. **Presentation topics for Feb - June**
  - a. Today's roundtable discussion of favorite projects went well. Lots of energy, diverse interests and skills were demonstrated. The Zoom participants felt it went well.
  - b. Feb. 2023 - Dave Duncan, DNA; will start or end meeting with brief presentation by Doug about signing up for and accessing RootsTech. Doug will create quick start handout. Bob will lead the are you related to others in the room on the FamilySearch app. Dave will get synopsis of Feb presentation to Doug for posting on the website; Dave will include a request to download the FamilySearch app so we can all try the related to others in the room feature
  - c. Mar 2023 – Tom O'Brien agreed to present. Bob will reach out with list of topics of interest (from prior survey of members) and Tom can choose one, or do other of his choice
  - d. Apr 2023 – Dave Duncan, DNA part 2\*\*
  - e. May 2023 – Scanning session. Doug has access to 2-3 scanners so members can do high quality scans including slides\*\*
  - f. June 2023 – Public Domain video from the NEGS channel on YouTube. Doug will bring a list to the Feb general meeting so the group can vote on their top choices. SC will make the final choice based on that input\*\*

\*\*NOTE – April, May and June "presentations" are interchangeable and may be rotated based on need.

4. **Presentation topics for Fall 2023:**
  - a. Bob will reach out to Don Anderson, DNA expert on possible presentation on using DNA to find unknown parents.
  - b. NEGS videos with facilitated discussion are useful back-up if we don't have a live presenter
  - c. Roots Tech has series of 2 & 3 20 minute related videos that could be used for a topic
  - d. Possible topics of general interest, such as using church records

5. **Not-for-Profit status:** Should Ancestry Detectives become a 501c3 organization to facilitate collection of funds/tax deductible donations that could be used to support speaker's fees.  
Discussion – full not for profit status comes with a lot of requirements. It's possible that the Senior Center or other not for profit organization might be willing to take AD under its umbrella so the funds could be collected without so much work.  
Agreed – Keep this option in mind, but delay action on it until a need is identified
  
6. **Posting Steering Committee notes:** website doesn't have capability of a separate password-protected page for notes. However, notes aren't confidential, so could post them on a Steering Committee page. Purpose is to provide easy access to past minutes for history of decisions made. Pam will send notes to Doug to post.
  
7. **Marketing to increase membership:**  
Discussion – other organizations are also seeking new members. New members increase the opportunities to share and learn from each other. Some past options for publicity are no longer available – example S-J what's happening section, Boomer News. Could do physical posting at Libraries  
Plans in place –
  - Notice in the Silverton Senior Center Bulletin
  - Notice in Our Town Silverton and Stayton
  - Notices sent to WVGS for re-distributionTo do –
  - Pam will do a survey of senior housing/organizations to find ones that could help publicize meetings
  - Library postings – no one volunteered
  - Dave to check with Pamplin Media to see if they will publicize the meetings
  
8. **Topics for Feb General Meeting**
  - Vote on the NEGS topics for the May or June 2023 and possibly a Fall 2023 meeting
  - Roots Tech Quick Start by Doug
  - DNA by Dave
  - Are you related to others in the room by Bob
  
9. **Topics for Feb Steering Committee Meeting**
  - Review votes on NEGS offerings and select one for May or June and possibly one for Fall.
  - Report back from Bob on contacts with Tom O'Brien and Don Anderson
  - Confirm April, May and June presentation topics
  - Report back from Pam on opportunities for marketing to various senior groups