

## World Chamberlain Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting 24 June 2017 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

World Chamberlain Genealogical Society (WCGS) President Bill Mennel called the meeting to order June 24, 2017, at 09:30 a.m. in Meeting Room C, located at the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A list of those attending can be found at the end of this report. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

### 1. Reports:

- a. Executive Secretary, The Fall 2016 meeting minutes were approved unanimously having been published earlier in the Chamberlain Key and needing no corrections.
- b. Treasurer, Ted Chamberlain reported the Total Assets of the WCGS to be \$8601.34 as of 24 June 2017. Ted reported that during the period between September 2016 and June 2017 total income was \$1558.62 and total expenses were -\$1646.50. The result is a net income of -\$87.88. Approximately 63% of those expenses remain as before. The production, copying, and postage costs associated with mailing the quarterly Chamberlain Key newsletter are similar to last year.
- c. Corresponding Secretary, Pat Sugg reported membership currently remains at 107 active members.
  - i. We have 27 Life Members,
  - ii. 72 Annual Dues paying members, and
  - iii. Eight Libraries are complimentary members.
  - iv. Since the fall 2016 meeting, there have been two new members. One chose multi-year memberships and one is an electronic Chamberlain Key<sup>1</sup> recipient.
  - v. We had 22 non-renewals
    1. Shortly before the meeting, the Corresponding Secretary sent an email reminder to those non-renewals advising them of their account status.
    2. The response was two renewals within a few days.
  - vi. The latest issue of our Chamberlain Key Hole has been sent to 189 email recipients.
  - vii. The WCGS Facebook page currently has 130 followers.
- d. Website activity, Jim Sugg reported that after the fall 2016 meeting we have posted the Fall 2016, Winter 2017 and Spring 2017 Chamberlain Key editions. As WCGS website administrator, he reported this year has seen the on-line posting of over six dozen artifacts of the research efforts of the first Chamberlain Association of America.

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<sup>1</sup> It is important to distinguish that the quarterly magazine titled the Chamberlain Key is meant to be a research, analysis, and historical publication of the Chamberlain surname. The Chamberlain Key Hole is our much less formal method of informing the membership and others doing Chamberlain research, as to the location/dates of meetings, where some attending may wish to stay, or simply keeping everyone apprised of the latest WCGS events.

- e. Chamberlain Key editor, Peter Chamberlain reports each Chamberlain Key was published on time and without incident. He noted the number of pages in an issue has declined because of a lack of material. Peter has less than ½ dozen articles for the 2017 summer, fall, and 2018 winter editions. He encourages everyone to consider submitting family history contributions without a necessarily strong genealogical spin. The recent article written by Gene Chamberlain on the “Zapruder Film” of the JFK assassination is a first-rate example.
  - f. WCGS Master Genealogy Database administrator, Bill Mennel, reports that nothing significant was accomplished this year. With the demise of “The Master Genealogist” software, we are at a cross-road to select another vendor. “Family Tree Maker” had been the choice last year, but they too left the business. Another software vendor acquired that product and is believed to be maintaining it. Bill notes he does have a copy of everything Jim Parker had produced as of about 12 months ago.
2. Old Business:
- a. Pay Pal, Ted Chamberlain reports our PayPal account is active and being used by individuals to join and renew. Paul Chamberlain (Ft. Wayne, IN) mentioned that it may be possible to have the PayPal account automatically pay dues if a member so chose. Ted Chamberlain will investigate the possibility.
  - b. Chamberlain Genealogical and Historical Book, George Richard Chamberlin provided an update on the project.
    - i. Work remains to proofread the entire manuscript, identify any missing individuals needing to be in the manuscript, and prepare bound copies for any libraries holding WCGS material.
    - ii. Jim Sugg reported he has done that for the Richard of Braintree manuscript and can share his findings with anyone interested.
3. New Business:
- a. Ainsworth Collection scans- George Richard reported on the discussions held the previous evening among the Executive Board. This discussion is described in a separate set of minutes of that meeting. Anyone wishing to help prepare an index of names in the assorted documents is encouraged to contact George Richard.
  - b. Meeting Location 2018, we voted to return to Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the next annual meeting.
    - i. It was voted for mid-late June 2018, but subsequently, the board re-evaluated the date and decided to return to the typical early autumn date.
    - ii. Please note this change and mark your calendars for the weekend of **September 21-23, 2018.**
4. Adjournment- Paul Chamberlain (Conroe, TX) moved to adjourn at 11:35. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the meeting, we had three presentations that survey responders had asked to be given. First, George Richard Chamberlin reviewed the five principal Chamberlin/lain lines. He also described a project he completed a couple of years ago. Each day he

posted on his personal Facebook page a Chamberlain related fact or story that occurred that day. Second, Philip Chamberlain gave a brief talk on our DNA project. There were many comments and discussions by attendees relative to their personal experience with the assorted DNA matching/hosting companies that specialize in the genealogical realm. The value (usability) of Autosomal testing was of significant interest to the audience. Third, following lunch, Jim Sugg provided a tutorial on the new Chamberlain website. Each feature was shown on a large screen in the meeting room so everyone could observe the information as Jim explained its source and use as a research aid.

#### List of Attenders

Chuck and Judy Chamberlain, Haslett, Michigan  
Larry and Marilyn Chamberlain, Monroe, Ohio  
Rita Reed, Wolf Lake, Indiana  
Paul R. and Paula Chamberlain, Conroe, Texas  
Philip Chamberlain, Lansing, Michigan  
Ted and Faye Chamberlain, St. Joseph, Michigan  
Don Chamberlin, Clearwater, Florida  
Don Chamberlain, Michigan  
Jim and Pat Sugg, Germantown, Maryland  
William Mennel and Lynne Johnson, Bolivia, North Carolina  
Terry and Kay Shirk, Ohio  
Paul and Lin Chamberlain, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Sargent Chamberlain, Marysville, Ohio  
Doris Hoffman, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
James Cordy, Napoleon, Ohio  
George Richard Chamberlin, Deland, Florida

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sugg, Executive Secretary  
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