

**WESTERN NEW YORK ARCHIVISTS
MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2019, MEETING
MCGRATH LIBRARY, HILBERT COLLEGE, HAMBURG, NY**

PRESENT: S. Pat Burkard, Dennis Frank, S. Nancy Kaczmarek, Sheryl Knab, S. Jane Muldoon, S. Mary Serbacki, S. Jean Thompson, Ellen Winger, Susan Witt, Heidi Ziemer, S. Claire

WELCOME: Colleen Dippold of the Hilbert College library welcomed everyone to their facility; Dennis Frank took over as host of the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS:

There was some discussion as to the preferred time for our group to meet. Some expressed a desire to return to an afternoon meeting time as had been the practice a number of years ago. Others felt the morning worked well. As a compromise, it was decided that we would try alternating between mornings and afternoons and see how that worked. **The next meeting will be held May 9 at Stella Niagara and it will be in the afternoon (1:30-4:00 p.m.)**

DISCUSSION: Our meeting topic this time centered on a webinar presented by the New York State Historic Newspapers project scheduled from 10-11 a.m. This was a good introduction for many of us as to the valuable resource the website is for research. Most of the titles available pre-date 1923 as the later publications can only be put up with permission of the owner or publisher. In order to access the material a user needs an updated browser. The presenters discussed some of the basics on use and various search strategies. They recommended using a broader rather than very specific search parameters.

The end of the meeting was given over to some brief comments on weeding and selection as well as digitization of archival materials.

Dennis then demonstrated a low-cost dehumidification chamber (a plastic tote and dish pan) which provides the possibility of relaxing documents; good results at low cost. S. Mary noted that she has used a similar arrangement with a small garbage can set inside a larger one. This can be used for documents, photos, architectural drawings, etc.; short exposure time to the moisture particularly for photos.

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REMINDER: CHECK OUT THE WNYA WEBSITE--www.archives.sbu.edu/wnya