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1/22/95

Minutes of Meeting:

The following members of the MVGS met informally at the library on 17 Jan 1995 to discuss 1995 (and beyond) goals and objectives of the society:

Copies given to:

- ✓ Damaris Reynolds
- Ed Stratton
- ✓ Jean Grube
- ✓ Mabelle Martsching
- Jim Russell
- ✓ Ken Bielman

NOTE:

It was generally agreed that:

(Jim Russell objected to "generally agreed" apparently, he was not in full agreement.)

- *Beginners Classes;*
 - MVGS will conduct day-long educational classes annually.
 - In odd-numbered years the classes will be for beginners; in even-numbered years advanced seminars will be held.
 - Classes/seminars will be held on the first Saturday of April, unless that date is unsatisfactory, in which case the class will be held on the third or fourth Saturday of April.
 - Classes/seminars are intended to be five to six hours long, beginning at 10 AM.
 - Ed Stratton has agreed to be Chairperson, at least for the 1995 Beginners' Class.
 - 1995 Beginners class will be held 1 Apr.
- *Improve coordination/cooperation with other local-area genealogical societies for the purpose of program information exchange, jointly-sponsored seminars, library list exchange, surname file exchange, newsletter exchange, etc;*
 - There was little discussion on this topic as we ran out of time. The group was essentially in favor of this action, but no specifics were addressed.
- *Library Enhancement;*
 - Develop a card file. This is a monumental task without a computer program to assist.
 - Ed Stratton agreed to search public shareware to see if he can find a suitable program that would be available to the society at an affordable price.
 - Jean Grube has most of the data assembled that needs to be entered on the cards.
 - Volunteers may be needed to help enter the data into the computer(s).
- *Photocopying;*
 - This topic was not discussed.

- *Field Trips;*
 - As a target, two or three field trips per year should be planned.
 - Becky Kiger has agreed to head up this effort. - *Pat Codican offered to help w/ this.*
- *Programs;*
 - The programs should consist of a mix of topics, some of genealogical interest, and some purely entertaining such as presentations by members on their travels.
 - The group agreed that a program budget item for bringing in "experts" from outside the area was not needed. *classes*
 - ~~Discussion groups~~ should be organized for special interest sessions as an alternative for members who don't want to use the library on general meeting days. Program Chairperson to head this up, but assign responsibility for conducting the sessions.
- *Newsletter;*
 - The group was generally in favor of having the newsletter mailed to members before the general meetings. More discussion is needed to consider ramifications.

Other topics on the agenda that were not discussed because of lack of time were:

- Computer Data Bank*
- Service Projects*
- Merchandising*
- Instruction on using Internet for genealogical research*
- Maintaining a file of information on computer programs for genealogical record-keeping.*

Ken Bielman, Chairman