

MVGS BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 3, 1994

Present: Damaris Reynold, Danielle Aukermann, Ed Stratton, Jean Grube, Jim Russell, Jo Triggs, Ken Bielman

Treasurer's report indicated Sept. 30 bank balance: \$1348.83.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: Danielle has arranged for a speaker from the Mormon Family History Library for the October program; i.e. our own Jim Russell. He will explain how to use the family history library and highlight newer items available. For November, those at the meeting will break into small groups to share materials from specific states or area interest. This will be done again early next year so that many states can be covered, and members be involved in more than one area.

Library: Jean reported that she and Damaris undertook a thorough weeding and cleanup in preparation for last Saturday's Benton Ct. Historical's open house. Our library had about 15 visitors.

Book Selection: A large number of items were acquired over summer, so will be listed for members. Two special items acquired were: Farmer's New England Settlers, which has long been out of print, and Quaker Records of North Carolina. A generous member purchased a new copy of Torry's New England Marriages and gave it to our library, keeping the older worn copy for her own home use. After discussion, it was suggested that Damaris check costs of having non-lasting paperbound items, such as the Quaker Records, more sturdily bound.

Question raised about purchasing copies of "Master Index" and "Social Security Index" on CD ROM. The company we had sent a purchase request to has folded. Damaris will order both, at a "sale" price.

Discussion was held about possibly purchasing a computer for member usage. Questions of time limits, user rules, and possible means of funding were raised. ED reported that computer prices are said to be dropping considerably right before or shortly after Christmas. A majority favored such a purchase, with an earmarking of funds earned specifically for this until a good price is available. It was mentioned that some members also want a copier; this too might be considered.

Service Projects: Not enough interest was demonstrated to have a Portland Forum field trip at this time.

Ed S. is presently working on converting our cemetery project records on to "Word Perfect" discs.

Membership: No new members reported. Reminder: It is time again for renewal of membership by paying dues.

Merchandizing: September Garage Sale netted \$81. Some leftovers were taken to the OSU Thrift Shop, and a few items held for our December auction. Some special item is still needed to generate interest in auction raffle sales.

Newsletter: Ed is in need of some funds for printing materials he has used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larry Sleeman, the Methodist church representative handling our room rental, will present our written agreement at October's general meeting. A check

to pay rental Sept.-June '95 will be presented to him there.

Discussion on the possibility of a dues increase. Agreement reached not to do so at this time, because of our "healthy" bank balance.

Possibility of making changes in meeting time, with business meeting switched to morning and library research afternoon. Betty Swan and her phone committee have agreed to conduct a poll while making October calls, and will report the outcome on October 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Stratton has information available to share with interested INTERNET users regarding Everton Research items.

President Ken Bielman read a letter requesting funds from a National Archives company, for special items. ED will check on their authenticity before we decide whether to send a contribution.

Next meeting November 7th at Jean Grube's home. No campaigning please!

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Triggs, Secretary