

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting of January 3, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

Program Chairman Jim Russell reported that the program for January will be Margaret Ingraham who will talk about writing your personal history. For February, he thinks he and Becky Kiger will talk about the Newspaper indexing project that the society is doing for the museum. Suggestions were offered for future meetings such as having one of the Dollarhide programs, having Pat Coolican talk about the seminar on Irish Research which she attended in Salt Lake City, or having someone from the Albany group of Canadian researchers talk and include the British Isles.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as ammended.

Damaris reported that she did finally get a refund check from Heritage Quest which is being reorganized and is in a state of confusion according to the people she contacted.

Joy thanked everyone for all the help she got at the Christmas meeting. Many people helped with the clean-up and she appreciated it and thought everything went very well.

Plans were discussed for the beginners workshop to be held probably next month.

Ed reported that he had questioned the Museum people about the quilters and our library afternoon both being in the Annex at the same time. They said this is not the way it is scheduled and it should not happen again.

There was discussion on filing with the state as a non-profit organization and there is consensus that we should follow through with this. Ed and Janice will try to get more information as to how to go about it.

The electrical problems of the Annex were discussed and Ed said they may have found an electrician who would volunteer his time to work on a rewiring project. In the meantime, we may trade film readers with the museum. Theirs would not be subject to damage in the Annex as ours would.

Wendy James said that although most people have been returning books promptly, there are still a few hold outs. Ed will put a list of outstanding books in the newsletter.

Darrel Kahl, treasurer reported income for December of \$560.70. The craft auction brought in \$229.60. Expenses were \$37.68. The bank balance was \$1982.40, an increase of \$523.02. He also presented a finalized budget for 1993 as part of a year end report.

Damaris reported that to date we have made \$307.27 on the cemetery books as well as having books in our library worth \$106. We have an inventory for sale worth \$295.30. Ed said the museum is thinking about a project to put the cemetery book information in the new computer and he wondered if larger libraries would be interested in buying the information on disks.

We need new members to turn in five-generation family charts to be added to our collection. They need to be told about this project.

Darrell suggested that we really need a "how-to" sheet for new members to introduce them to all of the projects, information and material that are part of belonging to the society. It was agreed that we need to put together a membership kit to be given to new members.

Ken Bielman reported that a lot of membership renewals have been coming in but there are 71 persons who were members last year who have not paid as yet. Ed will continue to try to remind them in the newsletter.

Library volunteers need to be reminded that only members may use the library free on Tuesdays. Visitors may use it for nothing the first time they visit, after that there is a \$1.00 charge. We need to be sure that everyone coming in on Tuesdays signs the register so that we will know if they have been there before.

Jean said that the sale table did well at Christmas. We can use more items such as paperback books and other small items. Maxbelle will be having a garage sale in the spring and has invited us to also bring items there to sell.

Ed reported that he sends the newsletter by mail to approximately 20 persons. Some are out of state and some are shut-ins. The list was reviewed and brought up to date.

Jean reported that she had ordered a packet of information regarding the 1993 Oregon Trail Celebration and that it contained much good information. She thought it would be worthwhile to order a packet for the library and wondered if we might get a speaker from them. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse the Oregon Trail Council \$4.95 for a packet.

Ed asked everyone to be on the lookout for a "how to do genealogy" book for beginners to be used for the beginners class that is being planned. It might be well if such a book could be made available for new members, too.

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~~Jean~~ said that the DAR needs a project and asked members to think of something that might be suggested to them that we could also help with. Indexing of Benton County early Probate Records was suggested as a worthwhile project.

The next meeting will be February 8 at Daniel's house.

Meeting adjourned.