

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting of April 6, 1992

The board met at the home of Ken Bielman.

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The program for the meeting on Saturday will consist of a trip to visit Lee Rudisill's husband's rock collection. There was discussion as to whether the library would be closed when the group goes to the Rudisills. A few members had stated that they would not be able to go on the field trip. It was decided that the library would be closed so that the librarian would be able to leave.

Treasurer Darrell Kahl reported income for the month of \$278.90. Expenses were \$352.04, which was mostly for new library books. The balance at the end of the period was \$1664.79.

May 16 is the date of the Family History Faire at the Genealogical Forum in Portland, which a very good opportunity, Daniel said. It would be possible to purchase a vendor's table and sell cemetery books. The society no longer belongs to the Forum and there was discussion about rejoining. The consensus was that it would be to our benefit to rejoin since they have a good quarterly publication as well as a monthly newsletter.

All new books that were ordered have arrived, according to Book Chairman Damaris Reynolds. The Book Committee will meet before the end of the month to decide on a new list of books to order.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she has a list of all materials on Benton County which are housed in the State Archives. The list will be posted and included in the newsletter. They have the 1920 census for all counties in the Archives now and have some counties on Soundex. The Albany library will have the entire state on film, too, Daniel said.

Ed Stratton reported that Ed Wilson has donated a more modern film reader to the society but needed to have some persons come and collect it. Ken Bielman, Darrell Kahl and Ed will go pick it up.

Damaris said that the cemetery committee is now working on Oaklawn Cemetery.

It was reported that Volume !IV, Crystal Lake Cemetery, has disappeared from the shelves in the library. It was a reference book which was not to be taken from the Library. There was discussion on the books missing from the library. Ed will publish a list in the newsletter, it was decided. Wendy has been trying to call members to remind them to return over-due books.

Ken Bielman reported 6 new single memberships and 4 family memberships as a result of the seminar. There are now 79 single and 18 family memberships in the society. He asked for guidance on a definition of a family membership. It was decided that all persons living in one household would constitute a family membership and that no more than five books could be checked out for each

membership. Damaris made a motion to this effect, Jean seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Jean Grube, Merchandising Chair reminded people to be thinking about items for the Christmas raffle and said that Damaris has donated a table cloth from Hong Kong for this event.

Ed reported that the Seminar was a great success. There was some problem because some persons who had signed up didn't attend. It was agreed that money would not be refunded for those who didn't notify the committee that they weren't coming or waited until the last minute to notify but they will be put first on the list for the next class. The committee members agreed that 30 persons would probably have been too many and think they will limit the next class to 25. A small amount of money was netted after the purchase of supplies for the class and Damaris moved and Lee seconded a motion to donate \$15 of the proceeds to Edna Wiese to pay for photocopying the scrapbooks of the Society. The motion passed unanimously. They will also pick up some new name tag holders for the next class. Daniel thanked the committee on behalf of the Society for a job well done.

As discussed earlier in the year, Darrel will bring up the issue of increasing dues at the meeting on Saturday citing higher costs of postage, paper, printing and books as reasons for the increase.

Damaris said that she had a bookcase to donate. There was discussion as to whether it could be used to house the rare books that need to be kept out of general use. She will bring it in on Tuesday.

A cemetery association is being formed to work with the State on a new cemetery guide which would include information on how to prevent vandalism and how to restore old graves. Daniel attended a meeting. The group decided not to join the association at this time.

The May meeting will consist of a slide program being put together for the Museum by Jerry Ansell about historic Benton County. Probably the September meeting will consist of Wendy James talking on the numbering system which she hopes to put in place during the summer. In October, Janice Barclay will talk about her trip to Scotland.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Meeting of April 11, 1992

The meeting was called to order by the president, Daniel Froehlich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers for manning the library was passed around.

Darrell Kahl, treasurer, reported that income for the period was \$278., expenses were \$352. The ending bank balance was \$1664.79.

It was reported that we now have both micro-fiche and micro-film readers upstairs. The films we have are in the library and may be used only upstairs. Now that we have readers, probably more film will be donated.

Librarian Wendy James called attention to the list of delinquent books in the newsletter and requested everyone to check that they have not inadvertently kept the books. She also called attention to signs about limiting conversation in the library and about the number of books to be removed during meetings. She also mentioned that no more than five books per membership can be checked out to take home.

Ed Stratton said that by fall, a system will be in place whereby we can send books over to the museum when a photocopy is needed during meetings. Certain people are being checked out to use the photocopy machine at the museum.

Becky Kiger passed around forms on which members are asked to list books they would like to have purchased for the library. If enough people have similar needs, books can be ordered accordingly. She also passed around a book of information on books currently available for members to look at.

Membership chairman, Ken Bielman, reported 8 new single and 3 family memberships as a result of the class on Saturday. This makes a total of 81 single memberships and 17 family memberships.

Ed Stratton reported that the class for beginning genealogists went very well and that the committee is willing to do another class. There are already six names on a list for a second class which will probably not be held before fall. New members Leon and Arlene Stratton, who attended the class, were introduced and welcomed.

Members were reminded to check the list of localities for the sharing table, which has been printed in the newsletter and to bring books to share if they have them.

At the recommendation of the Board, Darrell Kahl made a motion that dues be raised from \$4 to \$6 for a single membership and from \$6 to \$9 for a family membership beginning in September for the 1993 year. He said that dues had remained the same since 1971 and cited rising costs as a reason for the raise. Ed Stratton seconded the motion which passed. Daniel said that there are funds available to assist anyone who cannot afford the dues.

The next meeting will be provided by Gerry Ansell from the museum who will provide a slide show on Benton County.

Daniel reported that he attended an organizational meeting of the Oregon Historic Cemetery Association sponsored by the Genealogical Counsel of Oregon. One of its goals is to protect historic cemeteries on private land, he said. The next meeting of the group will be July 11 at the annex at 9:45 am. If anyone is interested in joining the group, dues are \$15 a year.

Information was passed out on an organizational meeting for a genealogy computer group which hopes to organize on April 24 at 7 pm at the LDS Family History Center.

The meeting was adjourned and members travelled to the Rudisill home to see their rock museum.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Barclay*