

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting February 3, 1992

The meeting was called to order at the home of Damaris Reynolds by the president, Daniel Froehlich.

Daniel informed the group that Harriet Moore, a charter member of the society, has died. The secretary was directed to send a note of condolence to her family and to inform them that a book will be dedicated to her memory and placed in the genealogy library.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ken Bielman passed out new membership lists, which were corrected. Ken said that he aims to put new, corrected lists regularly to the board members.

Lee Rudisill has consented to be program chairman as needed for the rest of the year, since Opal Katsky has moved out of the area. The program for the February meeting, titled Bruton Parish in Colonial Williamsburg, will be given by Judy Juntunin. A slide show on the Benton County Historical Museum, which the Museum staff has put together, will be the program for March.

Joy Read initiated a discussion on procedures for keeping the kitchen area, bathroom, and the coffee mugs we use in a sanitary condition. It was decided that we need a housekeeping committee with a chairman to handle this and to provide supplies. They would need to solicit volunteers to help at meetings.

Treasurer, Darrell Kahl, reported income of \$353.19 including nine single and one family memberships. Expenses totalled \$350.24, which included a years rent paid to the Museum. Bank balance on February 3 was \$1683.34.

Wendy James, librarian, has researched another field trip for Friday, March 15, to the South Salem LDS branch library. Members plan to carpool, leaving from Daniel's home, as they did before. The number is limited to the first twelve who sign up. If more want to go, another trip may be scheduled.

Damaris reported that the book committee has ordered about \$300 worth of books. Because the society gets a 10% discount on orders over \$100., she wants members to know that they can include books they want to order, thus getting the benefit of the discount. She also said that she is going to try the idea of letting the members contribute to the cost of expensive books in which they are interested but which might be too costly or of limited interest. An envelope will be circulated at the meetings and if half the cost is contributed, the book will then be ordered. She will start with a book called Gateways to the West which costs \$150. If a member wants to contribute half of the cost of a book, it will be ordered also.

Wendy volunteered to write book reviews for the newsletter. She was also appointed a member of the book committee.

Ken Bielman read a draft of a note to be sent to delinquent members which was approved by the board.

Jean Grube, sales and merchandising, said that we should be thinking now about items for the Christmas raffle and soliciting them from members. When we don't know before November what will be raffled, there is little time to sell raffle tickets.

Ed Stratton said that Hendersons had given him an original birth certificate which was left in a copy machine there, asking him to try to locate the owner. He hasn't had any luck. It was suggested that he try to get a notice in the Gazette-Times about it. The name on it is Hilda Mae Graves of Virginia.

He said that Lee Rudisill is progressing very well with her articles on charter members of the society and Edna Wiese has been helping her. The first one he will print will be on Velma Parsons. The next will be on Edna Wiese. The third will be Harriet Moore, who was interviewed the week before she died.

He passed out new brochures to those who might need them. He has not printed very many because there should be changes before another year, especially if dues are raised.

Damaris reported that the the class for beginning genealogists is set for April 4. It will be limited to 30 participants. If more sign us, perhaps there will be enough to repeat the class.

Joy Read asked about the number of persons that can be accommodated in the annex building according to the fire code. Everyone agreed that exits should be marked and doorways kept clear. An effort will be made at the next meeting to arrange chairs so that passageways will be clear.

The meeting was adjourned.

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Meeting of February 8, 1992

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The president announced that our First Vice-president in charge of programs, Opal Katsky, has moved from the area. Lee Rudisill has agreed to serve in her place to help with programs for the remainder of the year.

Joy Read, who is in charge of providing refreshments, talked about how we could assure that the annex and the kitchen and the cups we use could be kept in a sanitary condition. It was decided that the persons responsible for bringing cookies to the meetings could also be asked to see that the cups are washed and disinfected and the kitchen left in good condition. Damaris suggested that library volunteers have time on Tuesday afternoons to do a quick job of vacuuming the rooms.

Ed Stratton announced that he will bring the five-generation print-out generated by members and place it in the library. He will continue to accept and add any new information brought by members.

He explained that the annex is now wired for security with heat and movement sensors and a siren. The secretary was asked to write a letter to the Benton County Historical Society expressing our appreciation for the security this gives our library.

Darrell Kahl, treasurer reported income for January was \$353.19. Expenses were \$350.24, which included a year's rent for use of the annex. Ending bank balance was \$1683.34.

Wendy James announced field trip to the South Salem LDS Family History Library for March 13, which will be limited to the first twelve people signing up to go. They will be opening the library especially for us and will have librarians there to assist with research.

Wendy said that a new system of numbering for our books is in the works and a new book list should be available by fall. The card catalog is up to date and is very useful for locating books.

Daniel said that Harriet Moore, a charter member of the society, who died last week, left part of her library to the society.

Ken Bielman, membership chairman, reported that there were five new members since the last meeting.

Mary Yoke is ordering the first films from the American Genealogical Lending Library this week. We now have a microfilm and a microfiche reader for members use. If someone finds something they want to copy on one of the film strips, the library at the college is a good place to copy it. Films can also be purchased quite reasonably.

Virginia and West Virginia are the states to be featured on the sharing table upstairs next month.

Damaris Reynolds, book chairman, said the committee has ordered six books. She then explained a new plan. The committee wanted to order a book about Ohio called Gateway to the West but felt it was very expensive. She passed an envelope and stated that if members wanted to place enough donations in the envelope to make up half of the cost of the book, it would then be ordered. She also passed forms on which members can name a book they would like to have purchased and agree to pay half the cost. Then the society will pay the other half and purchase the book.

Plans are complete for the April 4 workshop for beginning genealogists. The committee, consisting of Damaris Reynolds, Becky Kiger, Jean Grube, Pat Coolican, and Ed Stratton will present the program.

The meeting was adjourned and the program on Bruton Parrish in Colonial Williamsburg was presented by Judy Juntunin.

Janice Barstley, Sec