

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting, January 7, 1991

The board met at the home of President, Daniel Froelich. The meeting was called to order by the president

Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with because the new secretary has not yet received secretarial material.

Ed Stratton gave each officer a copy of his job description and asked that they be evaluated so that they could be discussed at the next meeting and corrected if needed.

Program Chairman, Rebecca Kiger, asked if a tour of Horner Museum would be of interest for the February meeting. Everyone thought it a good idea if there was no basketball game that day to make parking difficult.

She also suggested that everyone should be advised that the open meeting of the Albany group, where use of county records was to be discussed, has been postponed until March. Ed Stratton will put a notice in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report for the period of December 4, 1990 through January 6, 1991 was presented by treasurer Darrel Kahl. Total income for the period was \$470.33. Total expenses were \$21.94. The bank balance at the end of the period is \$1905.74. The total earned on the Christmas raffle was \$126., the auction \$209.90, and misc. (holly) was \$33.00.

There was discussion on how to provide petty cash for those needing it, including the secretary and newsletter editor, etc. All agreed that they would prefer just to take care of the small items themselves and turn in periodic bills.

Sheila Madden, Book Committee Chairman, reported that she has completed the questionnaire form which asks members to put down their interests so that books can be purchased that will be most helpful. It will be attached to the next newsletter. Daniel is anxious to have this input so that it can be used to purchase books at the big meeting in Portland at the end of May.

Mabelle Martsching reported on the new hours at the city library. They are as follows: M & T noon--9:00 PM, W & Th noon--5:30 PM, F & SA 10:00--5:30 PM, Su 1:00--5:00 PM.

There has not been much activity concerning the cemetery book project during the holidays. The group hopes to sell books at the May meeting in Portland. There was also discussion about being sure that there were plenty of brochures and membership materials available for that meeting. Since we paid our dues to that group, the Genealogical Council of Oregon will let us sell our books on their table. They are asking \$30. for rental of space. Daniel was asked about registration material for that meeting and he said it is not yet available but should be out in February. The meeting, The National Genealogical Society 1991 Meeting, will be held at the new convention center in Portland from May 29 to June 4. May 29 is a banquet for special guests with the sessions beginning on ^{the} 30th, Daniel reported. This is the first time this annual meeting has been held in the Northwest.

There was a reminder that the Sweet Home Workshop, which members like to attend, will be March 22--23.

Jean Grube, Membership Chairman, urged everyone to try to see that members pay their 1991 dues so that she can get out a new membership list. She said that, usually, as soon as she makes a new list, members are reminded to pay and she has to revise the list. It was suggested that members be reminded at the January 12 meeting and then cards be sent to those who have not paid.

President Daniel needs someone to do merchandising. He thought he might ask Shirley Hill to take the job. Several other names were discussed in case she is not willing or able to do the job. Among them was John Matuszak, though he is already assistant librarian.

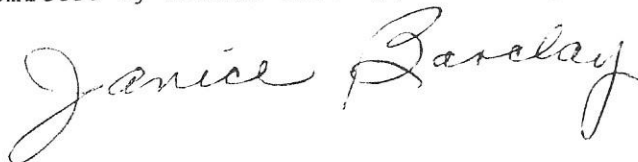
Ed Stratton asked people to get material to him for the newsletter. He said that he will be glad to accept material over the phone at any time for the newsletter.

Interest states for the next meeting are Pennsylvania and Ohio. Members are asked to bring books. It should be made clear that books brought for this table are personal possessions and not to be removed from the room.

Secretary, Janice Barclay, reported that she will be out of town at the time of the February meeting. She was advised that she should try to find her own replacement. This is the policy. At least, anyone holding office which includes duties at the meetings must be sure the president is advised when the office holder will be absent.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Barclay, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Barclay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the secretary.

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society
Meeting of January 12, 1991

Meeting was called to order by President, Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read. Dues collected through December totalled \$36.00; refreshment money, \$6.00; Auction and other activities of the Christmas meeting totalled \$292.90. There were donations totalling \$120. Expenses were \$21.94. Bank balance at end of the period was \$1905.74, an increase of \$448.39.

Joanne Perry reported new books in the library include a set of Virginia Marriage records, a gift from the Albany Genealogical Society, and a Population Abstract of the United States, also a gift.

Danell Aukerman has now turned over the Surname Files to Roland Crosiar. He will try to get them installed on his computer. Those who have not turned in their family pedigree sheets were urged to do so. The eventual outcome of this project could be a book containing all names collected, which would be an excellent way for members to advertise the families they are working on if it could be circulated widely, Danell said.

Damaris Reynolds asked for donations for the Thriftshop. She is completely out of items to take to the shop. Clothing is acceptable but dishes, vases, other bits of memorabilia are the most saleable, she said. She asked that each person try to bring at least one item to the next meeting to build up her stock. This money goes to buy books for the library.

Mabelle Martsching said that she has been given three family histories for the library. They are Starr Family; McConnell, Underhill, Hulbert Family, and Roscoe Family. She has not had any new queries.

The cemetery books committee had nothing special to report, according to Becky Kiger. They are still working on the project. They hope to be able to sell books at the big national meeting in Portland in May.

Jean Grube reported that she had signed up four new members this month. She is in the process of making a new membership list and she urged everyone to get their dues paid. If dues are not paid, they will not appear on the new list.

Ed Stratton again asked for input for the newsletter. He would be happy to have articles, book reviews, or anything else of interest.

It was announced that Lucy Axtell, who lives on Greeley Avenue, needs someone to bring her to the meetings on rainy days. Several people who live in her area thought they might be able to help.

Daniel announced that he would be going to Portland to OHS and the Oregon Genealogical Forum on Thursday, January 17, and would be glad to take two more persons with him.

Mary Yoke needs orders for material from the National Archives. The Society belongs to the Archives Rental Program and members can rent film strips of archived records for \$3.00 each. It takes about three weeks to receive them and they can be kept for about three weeks. Members can take them to either the city or OSU Library to study them. Copies are ten cents each at OSU, the cheapest place. She likes to have at least three orders because then they pay half the postage.

Daniel reported that the LDS Family Library has 49 million new names on record through the new list of deceased Social Security Card holders now in their computer and available here, covering the years from 1937 to 1989. The information included is first and last name, birth date, place they applied for the card, and month and year they died. You can discover approximately where they died because their zip code is included. The library also has a new and updated card catalog. He noticed that one thing it included was more British records.

Ed Stratton asked members to disregard the item in the newsletter regarding destruction of Social Security records. It is incorrect as is the date when 1920 Social Security Records will be available. They will not be available until 1992, probably in March. *U S Census*

John Ed Matuszak offered to share copies of a periodical called Polish Links with anyone interested. It is in English but not necessarily about genealogy. He said he was going to order floppy disks and offered to get them for others. However, it turned out that they can be purchased more cheaply at Software Pipeline on Circle Blvd., according to Danell.

It was reported that Richard and Valerie Nichols were in an automobile accident. They were not seriously injured, just shaken up and bruised. The secretary was directed to send them a sympathy message and also congratulations on the birth of a granddaughter.

Sheila Madden asked that members try to return the form attached to the newsletter at the next meeting so that the information can be compiled and evaluated before the National Genealogical Society 1991 meeting in Portland in May. It will be used to choose books to buy at that meeting where it is hoped that there will be an especially good selection and, hopefully, also good prices.

Next month the program will consist of a tour of Horner meeting at 2:00 PM, following the business meeting. Interest states for the display will be Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Daniel asked if anyone would like to volunteer to handle miscellaneous sales, such taking care of raffle tickets, this year. Since no one volunteered, he will try to find someone.

The meeting was adjourned. The program consisted of a very interesting talk about the use of color photocopying for old pictures, documents, etc., by John Becker of Graphic Impressions.

Respectfully submitted by

Janise Barclay

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Dear Fellow Genealogist:

As many of you may know, the 1991 National Genealogical Society's 1991 National Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon on May 29th - June 1st, 1991. The conference will be hosted by the Genealogical Forum. The conference will feature educational sessions, exhibit booths from across the nation, and numerous opportunities to meet other researchers from among the estimated 1500+ attendees.

The Oregon Genealogical Society would like to extend an invitation to attend our meeting on Saturday, January 26, 1991. We will have a presentation about the upcoming conference lead by Stanley Clark, Conference Chairman from the Forum. Several other members of the Conference Committee will be present to answer any questions you may have regarding the Conference.

There will also be a presentation by Gerald Lenzen, President of the Genealogical Council of Oregon.

The NGS Conference is a major national event for genealogical researchers. This meeting may be the only opportunity that those of us in the central and southern parts of Oregon have to discuss the Conference with the planning committee and get all of our questions answered.

The OGS meeting will be held Saturday, January 26, 1991 from 10AM to 4PM in the Eugene Water and Electric Board Public Meeting Room at 500 E. 4th Ave., Eugene, OR. A selection of sandwiches, salads, and desserts will be available for lunch for a donation of \$2.00. There are also a number of restaurants available in the vicinity.

If you plan to attend please write or call before January 18th and let us know how many we may expect so that our lunch chairman can make the necessary arrangements. Our mailing address is: OGS, PO Box 14306, Eugene, OR, 97440-2306. Our phone number is: (505) 746-7924 and there is an answering machine on at all times.

The upcoming NGS Conference is an opportunity which does not come to our part of the country very often and I hope that as many of us who are able take advantage of it. If you or anyone you know thinks that they might be interested in attending the Conference, our meeting on the 26th is the place to get all of the information. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jan McKee

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President, OGS