

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

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

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

Opal Katzky, program chairman, reported that Valerie Nichols will present the program for the January meeting on Quaker Ancestry. She is planning to ask Judy Juntunin to present a program on her trip to Williamsburg and Washington, D.C. for the February meeting.

The treasurer, Darrell Kahl, reported 16 single and 2 family memberships paid during the month. Other income from Christmas meeting sales, Thrift Shop, etc. brought income for December to \$761.14. Total expenses were \$62.24., making an increase of \$698.90 for the month. The bank balance was \$1680.39.

Damaris Reynolds, book chairman, said that she had been compiling data from forms members filled out last year, stating their areas of interest. The state most people were interested in was Pennsylvania, with Indiana second. Germany was the foreign country generating the most interest. She said that a new book list is needed but this will not be undertaken until proposed changes in the numbering of the books is done. She is getting together a committee of persons with special areas of expertise to help her determine which books need to be purchased.

The cemetery book committee has only one copy of Volume II and no copies of Volume VI of the cemetery books left but will not order more unless there are orders for them.

We gained two new members last month according to Jean Grube. They are Mike Smith and Kenneth Munford.

After some evaluation of the Christmas raffle and craft sale, it was decided that Darrell Kahl would handle the raffle next year, since he is the one responsible for keeping a record of purchases and collecting the money. He said that having people sign in and receive a number for bidding as they arrived worked well, he thought.

Ed Stratton, newsletter editor, said that he is thinking of changing the format of the newsletter, using "ragged right" margins, rather than justified for the columns. He said that this is supposed to be easier to read. He asked the group to think about this and give him their opinions.

He stressed that the project of indexing the old newspapers for the museum is going slowly and we need more volunteers. He thinks it might take ten years to complete the project. Persons who volunteer to work on this project need to call and reserve a time to go use the reader because there is only one.

Darrell Kahl presented the 1992 budget for the approval of the board. It shows a large amount of money in the book fund which needs to be expended. With one change, the addition of \$160. for new brochures, it met with the approval of the group and Darrell received their thanks for getting the document out in such a timely manner.

Oregon will be celebrating 150 years of settlement soon, and Damaris suggested that it would be appropriate for the society to be part of the celebration. The state tourism bureau will be coordinating the events. She asked the group to be thinking of projects that we could undertake. It was suggested that we might mark pioneer graves in Benton County cemeteries or compile a list of pioneer descendents in the county. Other ideas from the membership will be solicited before a decision can be made.

Jean Grube said she will have a list of new books up on the bulletin board for Saturday's meeting.

Plans for renumbering the books in the library and compiling a new book list as a summer project were discussed. Wendy James, librarian for the coming year, will be starting work on this soon.

Daniel urged the dedication of books to deceased charter members. Quite a few new books have been purchased this year which could be used for dedications.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Janice Barclay, Secretary*



MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Meeting of January 11, 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 new membership list was corrected by the addition of the name of Lulu Magdefrau.

Darrell Kahl, treasurer, reported income for December was \$761. Expenses were \$62.24 for the period. The increase in income was \$698., making a bank balance of \$1680.90.

Wendy James, librarian, reported that a tally showed that we currently have 675 books in the library. There are a number of books overdue and she requested that all delinquent books be returned. She thanked Joy Read for her latest contribution of books rescued from the Corvallis library throw-aways that will be valuable to genealogists.

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~~Jean Grube~~, book chairman, asked that new members and anyone who has not made their areas of interest known to the book committee fill out a form. The committee, consisting of Betty Swan, Becky Kiger, Jean Grube, and Pat Coolican will use the information when buying books. At present, it appears that Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana are the areas of greatest interest in the United States and Germany is the most requested foreign country.

Ed Stratton stated that he is still accepting names for the five-generation record he is compiling. He has also completed setting up the forms for reading old newspapers at the museum and more volunteers are still needed to adopt a roll of film and read it to make a list of obituaries, marriages and births for the museum as well as for genealogists.

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~~Jean Grube~~ reported that she had received a check for \$26. from the Thrift Shop and had taken in two loads of items for sale. She is now out of donations and would like more items to sell. Dishes, vases and small appliances are the type of items that sell well, she said.

Daniel announced that Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana are the states to be featured on the share table next month. Members having books on those states that they would be willing to let others read at the next meeting were asked to bring them.

Ed Stratton said that he would like book reviews, as well as other articles, for the newsletters. He also solicits queries. He said the cost of mailing newsletters has gone up one cent with the January issue.

Daniel reported that he has visited the new State Archives in Salem and the building is very beautiful. There is much more security than in the old building. The building is open from 8-5, Monday through Friday. He recommended that members visit it.

Damaris Reynolds reported that her committee is working on having a class for beginners at the annex on April 4, which would be open to the public as well as new members of the society.

She also said that 1993 will be the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the first wagon trains in Oregon Territory. Organizations interested in Oregon history are planning events to celebrate the event. She would like to have the society take part in the celebration and asked members to think about projects that we might undertake to commemorate the event. Bill Lewis, Director of the Benton County Museum is in charge of coordinating activities for Benton County.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a presentation by Valerie Nichols on researching Quaker ancestry. She also displayed and talked about items from her collection of Quaker clothing and artifacts inherited from her husband's ancestors.

Janice Barclay, Secretary