

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society
Board Meeting, March 3, 1991

The board met at the home of Daniel Froelich. Meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froelich. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. Daniel then asked for reports from the committees.

Program chairman, Becky Kiger reported that the March program will be presented by the Cemetery Books committee members Becky, Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds. The April program will be presented by Connie and Gerry Lenzen and their resource person who will talk about The Genealogical Council of Oregon, of which we are a member, and the National Meeting to be held in Portland in May.

Daniel said the cost for attending the four days of the meeting will be \$80. (for those who pre-register). Mailing labels have been sent to the council so each member of our group should get information on the meetings. To get the reduced price, pre-registration must be in by May 6.

Damaris brought small checks from the thrift shop and said that she is entirely out of articles to take to the shop. She would like each member to bring in one item to sell. All money earned goes to the book fund.

Darrell Kahl asked for approval of bills for printing and for the newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve payment of these bills. It was suggested that these are budgeted items and should not need to be approved each time. There was discussion concerning getting a budget made. Ed Stratton has been working on a computerized spreadsheet. It is getting late to get a budget completed for the year. It was suggested that work should begin in September if possible.

Darrell presented the treasurer's report, including a revised version of last month's report which contained an error. The decrease in funds was largely due to printing thirty copies of the cemetery books and will be recovered when they are sold.

Three new books have been added to the library. All were gifts. Sheila Madden, book committee chairman, had some questions as to procedures. She needed to know how to handle incidental expenditures such as postage and it was decided that she should turn in bills for these as the secretary and others using petty cash do. There was discussion as to whether periodical and newsletter subscriptions should come under the Book Committee and it was decided that all such expenditures should be cleared with Sheila. Sheila expressed concerns about how purchases should be made at the up-coming national meeting in May where it is expected that many books will be for sale. She is in the process of tabulating the results of the questionnaires which she circulated to determine the interests of the members but is still concerned about how much money she should spend, etc. Several other members will be attending the meeting and will help her but all purchases will be her responsibility. It was suggested that she would not want to spend all available funds because there will be other books available during the year which she might want to buy. There was also concern as to whether the best prices will be available in Portland. She said she will get a copy of the

current Hunterdon House Catalog for comparison. They are thought to be one of the best places to purchase books.

Damaris presented the report of the Cemetery Books committee. The committee has cash on hand of \$158.88 at present but she said that if the books are to be sold at the Portland meeting, more books will need to be printed and a \$30. rental fee for space to display them will have to be paid to the Genealogical Council. She needed to have a decision made as to whether we are going to go ahead and sell books there. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we rent space and sell the books at the meeting. Then there was discussion on having books printed. Damaris said that she was sure that with the list of names she had for sending flyers, she could sell all the copies she proposed to have printed. Mabelle made a motion, which was seconded and passed, that \$850. be appropriated for the printing of books to fill out the supply needed for the Portland meeting.

There was discussion on the printing of booklists that are being mailed. Zyra Kahl suggested that, in order to protect the society, such lists should include statements that the prices are subject to change and that six weeks should be allowed for delivery. It was also suggested that it might be good to have the membership brochures include the names of the books that are for sale.

Membership chairman Jean Grube said that there has only been one new member this month. She is Dorothy Bush.

Ed Stratton outlined what will be in the next newsletter, asking for corrections and additions from the board.

Ed then presented a rough draft of a document formulated jointly by the Historical Society and the Genealogical Society for the comments and suggestions of the Board. After a great deal of discussion and some changes in wording, it was decided that those who would like changes in wording should bring those changes to the meeting on Saturday for Ed to look at. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the proposals included in the document were generally well thought out. This project is only in the planning stage at present.

President Froelich declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Janice Barclay

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society
Meeting of March 9, 1991

The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and later approved. The treasurers report showed a total of \$1662.49 in the bank after all outstanding bills had been paid.

Merchandising chairman, Betty Swan, asked members to donate items for the sale table with proceeds going to the book fund. Also, it is all right for them to bring items that they want to sell for themselves. Members should also check the bulletin board for items that are for sale by the society, she said. At present there is a list of archival supplies and their prices and also there are maps for sale.

Roland Corsiar reported that he is still working on getting the surname file into his computer but he is ready to have everyone turn in their pedigree charts or to update information which they have turned in previously.

Damaris Reynolds thanked those who helped with refreshments by bringing flowers and St. Patrick's day table clothes as well as cookies. It was also helpful that electric pots for heating water and a large container of water were brought, she said. She asked for volunteers to bring cookies to the April meeting and Laura Crosiar and Dorothy Bush volunteered.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she had had one query this month from William and Mary Oglesby. She believes that the people they are interested in are part of the Starr clan from Alpine.

Membership chairman, Jean Grube, reported one new member, Dorothy Bush, should be added to membership lists.

Ed Stratton, newsletter editor, said that he had an idea for the newsletter. He plans to add a new feature where members can publish queries. He would like a brief item from anyone who is having trouble finding a certain ancestor and he will print some each month. This would give a fairly wide distribution and might help in the search. Everyone seemed to think this a good idea.

Several up-coming meetings and items of interest were presented by President Daniel as follows:

A Canadian interest group will meet March 28 at the Albany Library.

There will be a Genealogy Workshop at the Sweet Home Church of Christ on March 22 and 23, presented by the Sweet Home Genealogical Society.

Siskiyou County^{CA} has published a new cemetery book.

He inquired if everyone had received flyers on the National Genealogical Conference being held in May. Most had received their copy.

After a short recess, Daniel introduced Linda Dodds, a graduate student working at Horner Museum, who told about a Family Heritage Fair for Children being held at the museum on Saturday, April 13, 9 AM to noon. She invited members to bring

children, grandchildren and friends. The fair is designed to introduce children to their family heritage. Cost will be \$6. and will include a workbook and other materials.

The meeting was adjourned and the cemetery committee, consisting of Rebecca Kiger, Lee Rudisill, Jean Grube and Damaris Reynolds then presented the program. They told of the experiences they had while visiting and recording the graves in Benton County cemeteries for the set of cemetery books they have been putting together. They thanked all the members who had assisted them in this very large and demanding project.

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