

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting of May 4, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

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

Darrell Kahl read the treasurers report. Income was \$234.30 and expenses were \$40.94. Balance at the end of the period was \$1858.15. Darrell said that there is an outstanding bill to the Museum for supplies for the class. The Benton County Surveyors office bought a set of the cemetery books, which accounted for part of the income.

Librarian Wendy James said she will begin the task of renumbering all the books in the library on June 2nd and the work will continue throughout the summer. She said that she will need help to complete the project by September.

She also announced that she plans to attend the Family History Faire at the Forum in Portland and invited four people to go with her. She will leave at 7 in the morning.

The September program will include summer travel reports by members and Wendy will explain the new numbering system for the library and give out hand-outs about it.

Damaris Reynolds reported that the book committee met. They decided to order a second copy of THE SOURCE because there were complaints that members couldn't get access to the one copy. They decided not to order more books until the reorganization of the library is complete and they can gain a better idea of the areas where more material is needed. They also need a questionnaire which is more definitive as to peoples' wants.

The group decided to keep the library open on the regular schedule during the summer months but will need more help. Ed will put an item requesting more library volunteers in the newsletter. Members will be required to return all books at the June meeting and none will be checked out before July. Then, on the second Tuesday in July, the summer schedule will be in effect and books can be checked out for two weeks. This plan was adopted unanimously.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she is working on several queries, particularly the surnames of Keyes, Taylor, and Richard and is finding the requested information.

The cemetery committee continues to work on completing the reading of Oak Lawn.

Ken Bielman, membership chairman reported 2 new family memberships, 2 single memberships and one renewal.

Jean Grube, merchandise chairman, said that she has ordered family group sheets and ancestor charts which will be sold for five and ten cents apiece.

Plans were discussed for the June meeting. It will be a potluck lunch and will be held out of doors. Members will be advised to bring lawn chairs so that chairs will not have to be carried from the annex.

Ed discussed the next newsletter. Jean Grube suggested that a notice of the death of Frances Causbie a one-time member and librarian of the society be included. Ed also displayed the revised society brochure which was further amended by the group. He was requested to have 300 copies printed as soon as possible.

Damaris reported that the Museum and the Historical Society will have an open house for members and their families on August 9. The annex will be open with quilters working and the Genealogical Society also needs to prepare some sort of display. Everyone thought that we <sup>SA</sup> create a display which could be used for this event and which could also be taken to other events.

Damaris also reported the our society and Ken Munford will be recognized during Benton County's Historic Preservation week. She hopes to have several members in attendance for the ceremony.

The secretary was directed to send a note of thanks to Les Wilson for his donation of a Micro-film reader. The reader has been installed upstairs and readied for use. Users will need a little coaching on how to use the machine, Ed said. There was discussion about the possibility of acquiring more film strips and microfiches since we now have good equipment for reading both.

Wendy James invited the board to meet at her home for the June board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Janice Barclay, Secretary*



MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Meeting of May 9, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Darrell Kahl reported that income for April was \$234.30. Expenses were \$40.94, leaving a balance \$1858.15. He added that a \$15.00 check written to Edna Wiese for photocopying the Society's scrapbooks had been returned by her.

Librarian Wendy James discussed the library reorganization scheduled for this summer. All books must be returned at the June meeting, she said, so that an accurate inventory can be made. Then she and other volunteers will reorganize the books according to the Dewey Decimal System, plus a color coding. No books will be checked out during June while the new system is put in place. The library will be open on Tuesdays during the summer. Beginning the second Tuesday in July, books may be checked out on Tuesdays for two week periods. See Wendy or Sandra Ihrig if you can volunteer for the reorganization work or if you can help staff the library on Tuesdays. At the September meeting, she will report on the new system and have hand-outs.

Wendy also announced that she is taking a car to the Genealogical Forum's Family History Faire. She invited members to go with her.

Jean Grube reported that she now has family group sheets with room for 15 children as well as ancestor charts for sale. They are five and ten cents each.

Damaris Reynolds reported that the book committee met but decided not to order many books until the library re-organization is complete and they can determine what books are most needed. They did decide to order a second copy of "The Source," a reference book much in demand. She passed an envelope for contributions toward the purchase of a book about Braintree, Massachusetts and there was quite a bit of interest in purchasing the book. A shelf list from the Rogue Valley Genealogy Library in Medford will be placed in our library as they have quite an extensive genealogy collection, which might interest members as they travel this summer.

The Cemetery Committee hopes to finish field work on Oak Lawn cemetery next week. A group will go out on Tuesday and can use volunteers.

Jerry Pygott reported that the computer users group did meet and organize. They plan to meet the last Friday of each month at the LDS Library at 7:00 p.m. They plan to start with some very basic programs to help novices learn to work with their computers.

Merchandise is needed for the Thrift Shop which will be open during the summer months, according to Jean Grube.

Flavor Pac and Santiam labels were processed and sent in by Audrey Broadley and we received about \$16 for the book fund. We will continue to save these labels.

Ed Stratton again requested queries for the newsletter. He asked if anyone in the group had heard of Fruitvale Cemetery. It would be about 100 years old and he has not been able to locate it.

Daniel reported that Elizabeth Aiken has had a leg amputated and asked the secretary to send a note. He also reported the death of a former member, Frances Causbie, who was librarian in 1982-83.

Daniel suggested that people take slides of their travels this summer so that they can show them to the society. John Redman stated that if people hope to keep their pictures for posterity, it is best to use black and white film. It doesn't deteriorate as color film does.

Once again there was discussion of what we could do for the sesquicentennial observation but no decisions were made. Laura Crosier suggested that we check to see if there will be a tourist information pamphlet published by the the State Tourism Board in which we might take an advertisement.

A display about the Society is being developed which can be taken to fairs and other public meetings.

On May 17, there will be a ceremony at the courthouse by the Historical Preservation group. Recognition will be given to groups and persons who have contributed to local history. The Society will be recognized as will member Ken Munford.

Daniel reported that a small ceremony had been held at the Annex to scatter Harriette Moore's ashes here.

Indiana and Iowa will be featured on the sharing table in June. If anyone has interesting material on those states, they are invited to bring it for others to see.

The June meeting will be a potluck lunch which will hopefully be held out of doors. Members should bring a luncheon dish and lawn chairs to sit on. There will be no program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Barclay, Secretary*