

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting, October 4, 1993

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

A letter, thanking the Society for finding Mr. Prince's lost friend was read. Ken Bielman found the person for him and has communicated with him.

Apparently our dues to the Genealogical Forum are overdue. Darrel will be asked check on this.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Jim Russell, program chairman, said that he didn't have any program prepared for the next meeting and that he would be unable to attend. Members discussed possibilities for a program and finally asked Daniel to do a program about his Oregon Trail trip. If there is extra time, the group will be taken over to the Benton County Museum's open house.

Joy said that her list of people to bring refreshments is not quite complete and several volunteered to help. She emphasized that duties of being host or hostess should include welcoming people. It was suggested that all officers should make a point of being part of the welcoming committee and that it would be helpful if we would all wear name tags.

Mabelle said that there are membership kits available and Ken Bielman said that he gives one to every new member.

Jean Grube reported that the books have been re-arranged to utilize Ed's new shelves. Several books seem to be missing but she thinks they are just misplaced.

More than \$260 was received by the Society in memory of Velma Parsons, she said, and it is to be spent on the set of land record books. Daniel stressed the need to put memorial book plates in the books, as well as in other books purchased with memorial money.

Damaris said that Deborah Jacobs, librarian of the city-county library had suggested to her that Friends of the Library volunteers could help with the task of indexing old newspapers at the museum. The library also has a set of films of the papers and Ed can coordinate the number systems used at the two facilities so that papers could be read either place, as well as using the film reader in the annex.

Daniel reported that the City-County Library is purchasing Oregon marriage and divorce records from ~~1850~~<sup>1903</sup> to 1920. They also have federal census records up to 1920 and death records 1903 to 1991 on either film or fiche.

Ken passed out a new membership list. He has weeded out those who haven't paid their dues which leaves 134 members. Dues for the next year are due from now on.

November meeting, there will be nominations from the floor if desired, and the election will be held. New officers will be installed in December.

The meeting was adjourned and the program was presented by Lew Schaad who showed pictures and talked about his "Cycling Oregon" adventure this summer. Then Daniel showed slides of his family's trip retracing the Oregon Trail. Members were urged to visit the Museum's open house afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jarvis Barclay*

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Meeting of October 9, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Darrell Kahl gave the treasurer's report. Income for the period was \$399.03. Expenses were \$497.29, making a decrease of \$98.26. Bank balance is \$1224.75.

Jean Grube said there were two new books in the library this month and the library has been re-arranged to take advantage of the new shelves.

She pointed out two Hallowe'en decorations which Damaris Reynolds had sent with her. If someone wished to purchase them, money would go to the book fund.

Jamice mentioned that the hand-woven coverlet displayed was donated for the Christmas raffle and that she had tickets for sale at \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.

Joy reported that she had the volunteers to bring refreshments through December. Joanne Perry volunteered for January. Julie Bielman and Mary Hamlin were thanked for the wonderful refreshments they brought.

Becky Kiger reported that persons who have volunteered to read and index old newspaper films for the Museum can now do so at either the County Library or at OSU. Both have copies of the films. They just need to get forms from Ed Stratton and have him help with coordinating film numbers which are different at each place. There is also a reader in the annex which can be used. Ed said that Lew Schaad has read more papers than any other member to date.

Ken Bielman reported one new member, Iola Casey of Norfolk, Virginia.

There was discussion about family name genealogy books, such as Hulberts, which are offered for sale. Usually, all they contain is a list of names gleaned from telephone books. If this is useful to the buyer then they may not be a bad buy but they do not usually contain any more than a very general history of the name and very little that is useful for genealogists. Daniel said that it is better to check death indexes yourself, if possible. In Oregon it costs about \$15 to send for a death certificate to Portland but if you go to the Archives in Salem, you can photocopy the original for 13 cents. They are very helpful at the Archives, he said. In Portland, if they do not find the person you are looking for, they notify you but they keep your money.

Danell Aukerman reported that she has a catalog where members can purchase archival supplies. Ed said the Film Machine also has and can get archival supplies and they will probably be advertising in our newsletter. At the last Board meeting, the board voted to accept advertising in the newsletter to help defray the rising cost of putting it out. A business card size ad will probably cost \$5. per month, he said with different rates for larger ads and for yearly rates. He thinks he has several advertisers lined up.

Daniel reported that the nominating committee for selecting new officer candidates for next year consists of Ken Bielman, chair, and Becky Kiger and Ed Stratton. They will present their slate of prospective officers at the



Damaris said that another successful garage sale has brought in more than \$200. thanks in large part to the Bielmans and Grubes who donated a large amount of merchandise. She reminded those donating that donations can be taken off taxes.

We have to be thinking about the Christmas raffle and auction she said. Tickets will be sold at the meeting Saturday. Janice asked about auctioning an extra microfiche as suggested in earlier minutes. This will be considered.

Mabelle suggested that we should try selling advertising space in our newsletter. A motion that the Newsletter carry ads was made by Mabelle and seconded by Damaris. The motion passed. Rates will be \$5.00 for a business card size ad. An ad double that size will be \$8 . A business card size ad will cost \$35 per year. Final judgment as to what ads will be accepted will be left up to Ed.

The woman from Canby who gives programs called "Creative Memories" on preserving pictures and memorabilia was mentioned again and it was suggested that the museum might like to co-sponsor one of her programs. We will look into this.

Daniel appointed Ken Bielman chair of the nominating<sup>committee</sup> with Ed Stratton and Becky Kiger as members. Ed said he has a complete set of job descriptions that can be used by the committee.

The next meeting will be held at Daniel's on November 8 at the regular 10:00 o'clock time.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Barclay*