

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting, September 6, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

Minutes of the last board meeting were not available to be read.

Two deaths were reported and the secretary was instructed to send cards. One death was Lucy Axtell, who was a member of the society. The other was the brother of member Velma Parsons.

Rebecca Kiger reminded the group that the program for the September meeting will be "show and tell" of each member's summer genealogical activities, especially if anyone has helpful hints to share. Suggestions for future programs included a mortician and someone on book preservation.

Jean Grube announced that we have two new members: Wendy James and Lewis Schaad.

Zira Kahl and Jean Grube will provide refreshments for the meeting.

Darrell Kahl, treasurer, reported \$771.28 taken in since the last meeting. Expenses were \$1114.35, making a decrease of \$343.07. Ending balance was \$774.45. Dues are due in September.

Damaris said that the metal cabinet that books were stored in at the church is no longer needed and will be sold for \$25. The large wooden cabinet also needs a new home.

Daniel said that special thanks were due to Ed Stratton for the excellent job he has done in building the new bookshelves for the new library. The group also thanked Damaris for finding chairs and other furnishings for the rooms. A group will go on Wednesday to shelve the books so that they will be available for the Saturday meeting. Joan Perry, librarian, will probably want to rearrange them later. There was discussion of other furnishings needed for the new rooms.

Jean Grube said that the Musuem is now selling cemetery books for our price and taking a small commission. Also, if anyone has a special need to get into the library, they can call her and she will arrange for a key.

Ed Stratton presented items he is preparing for the next newsletter and they were discussed at length.

Parking may be at a premium for the first meeting at the new site because a quilt show is also in progress. Members will be urged to carpool for this meeting. This should not be a problem in the future.

There was a discussion on scheduling hours that the library will be open. Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:00 is the time chosen. There was a discussion of rules that will be in force in the library. Jean will bring a proposed set of rules to the meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Barclay, Secretary
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Meeting of September 14, 1991

The first meeting in the new quarters in the Benton County Historical Museum Annex was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich. As part of the celebration of that event, a thank you and a round of applause for Ed Stratton for building the bookshelves in the new library was the first order of business.

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

Thanks were extended to Kahls for donation of a lamp. Some pole lamps are still needed according to Damaris Reynolds. Some paring knives are needed for the kitchen but we have enough coffee mugs. The group indicated that they would like brewed coffee so that will be provided for the next meeting. Damaris was thanked for her part in furnishing and setting up the new quarters.

Mary Yoke suggested that a box be put out where members can leave their Flavor-Pac labels. They earn us three cents apiece for the book fund.

Daniel suggested that if anyone had a small, closed cabinet that could be used for rare books that they could donate, it would be welcome. Damaris should be consulted about this.

The treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$774.45. The garage sale earned an additional \$151. and there were some sales of cemetery books. Present balance is about \$1000.

If anyone has been missed on calls for meetings, Daniel needs to know about it so that they can be added to a calling list.

Joanne Perry reported that she had checked with OSU about insuring our library and they told her that such special insurance does not seem to be justified. Just a general insurance policy is best. It is possible that the Museum can cover the library on their policy. Damaris Reynolds will check.

Roland Crosier reported that his job of compiling the surname index is nearing completion. He will accept material at the next meeting and will then finish it. He brought an 800 page sample of his work to show. For the present, the material will be put into book form and put in the library for a reference.

Mabelle Martsching reported that she had two queries and had been able to answer both of them.

Daniel reported that he had taken advantage of an opportunity at the Portland conferemce to join the American Lending Library, which holds all census records. He felt that it had advantages over using the National Archives. Laura Crosier made a motion which was seconded and passed that we put the Archives on hold and make a trial use of this resource during the next year.

It was announced that we have two new members: Wendy James and Lewis Schaad.

Jean Grube discussed rules for the library. A copy of the proposed rules had been passed around for comments during the morning and okayed by members. She passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work in the library. Hours will be Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Other hours may be added later.

Damaris again asked for donations for the Thrift Shop. A crate will be put in the kitchen where donations may be left.

Ed Straton discussed the newsletter, particularly the computer program called "Family Tree Journal", a share ware program that he can copy for anyone interested. He also asked for input for the newsletter, especially queries.

Daniel reported that the LDS Ancestral file has been up-dated as of September. There is also a new card catalog, which includes a listing of Viet Nam and Korean War MIA's and lost in action. *is in the computer*

It was suggested that some signs be put on the building and the reader board to help people find the library and meeting room.

Rebecca Kiger made a motion that the big white wooden cabinet, which previously held library books and was made by a former member, be donated to the museum. They have stated that they can use it for their collections. The motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

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