

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Meeting of September 11, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Froehlich.

There was only a very brief business meeting at the last meeting in June and no minutes were kept in the absence of the secretary.

Darrell Kahl presented the treasurer's report. Income for the period from June 7, 1993 to September 11, 1993 was \$638.27. Expenses were \$798.94, making a decrease for the period of \$160.67. Bank balance at the end of the period was \$1323.01. The largest expenses were rent paid to Benton County Museum, expense for the newsletter and for new books.

Book committee chairman Damaris Reynolds reported that the society has received a number of books from Edith Hughes as a gift. She also said that quite a sum of money has been received in memorials to Velma Parsons, first president of the society who recently died. The committee wanted to make a special purchase with this money in Velma's memory and has decided upon reprints of nine volumes dealing with documents in the National Archives which were first published in 1790. Very few copies of the originals exist. The re-print prepublication price is \$495. and it will be much higher when they are out in January or February.

Jean Grube, librarian, reported that the society has acquired about 44 new books this summer. 28 were donated by Edith, 3 by Ken Bielman and the rest were purchased. Ed Stratton has just finished building new shelves into the closet of the library room to help contain the purchases, for which he received the thanks of members. We have a total of about 950 books at present, she said.

Mary Yoke asked for volunteers to man the library on Tuesdays and passed a sheet for members to sign.

Joy Reed asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for the next year and passed a sign-up sheet. She suggested that the refreshments do not necessarily have to be sweets but could be fruit or vegetable plates instead. She emphasized that the serving committee is responsible for setting up before the meeting and cleaning up afterwards. She has posted a sheet detailing the duties on the cupboard door.

Damaris, merchandising chairman, showed a hand woven coverlet which has been donated by Fern Shaffer for the December raffle. Tickets are available and all members are asked to sell some. Money goes for books.

Raffle tickets for the quilt made by the quilters to benefit the museum are also on sale, she reported.

There will be a garage sale next Saturday at her apartment complex, she reported, and she has a garage full of items which will be sold to benefit our society. This money will go for the 1994 book fund.

For the benefit of new members present, Ed Stratton talked about the five-generation surname file that he has in his computer, with a copy in the library. He urged anyone who has not turned in their information to do so. There was some discussion on ways to use the file but no decisions were made. Danell Aukerman said the project was originally begun with the idea that the list could be used as a money making project but no one has determined how to do this as yet. Danell, who has been in California for two years, was welcomed back by the members.

Becky Kiger reminded member volunteers that they should concentrate on the newspaper indexing project at the Museum now that summer is over.

Damaris and Jean reported on a project of extracting local old church records for the DAR. They are making sure that the society and the museum each get a copy of the material which contains quite a bit of genealogical information.

Laura Crosier reported that the second volume of Camp Adair history put together by the Polk County Historical Society is now out. It sells for \$10⁷. They will bring a copy for members to see.

Ken Bielman reported that we have 4 new single members and 2 family memberships. We have a total of 135 members.

Ed reported that Charles Sartwell, one of our members, is moving to Tennessee to be near his family. The secretary was directed to send him a note to let him know we will miss him.

The secretary was directed to send a note to Ken Munford on the death of his wife.

Valerie Nichols said that she has collected a notebook of Oregon Trail information which she will share with anyone interested.

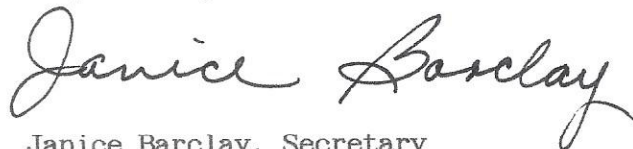
Daniel said that it is almost time for nomination of officers for next year and asked for volunteers for the nominating committee.

Betty Swan reported that Ron Bremmer will be in Lebanon in November if anyone is interested in hearing him speak.

Mary Yoke made a motion that the secretary write to Elderhostel urging them not to discontinue their genealogy courses as reported in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned and members reported on their experiences in tracking their ancestors during the summer.

Respectfully submitted



Janice Barclay, Secretary