

Mid Valley Genealogical Society General Meeting December 9, 1995

The meeting was called by order by president, Ken Bielman.

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

Treasurer's report. Ron Edwards reported a balance of \$1261.17 as of November 30.

Library. Damaris Reynolds reported for Jean Grube. The library will not be open December 26 and January 2. There is a new shelf list, price \$2. We have 1372 books.

Maybelle Martsching announced that John Chapman had donated a book on Virginia.

Library Staffing. Lee Rudisill asked for library volunteers for January 30, February 6, and March 5.

Merchandising. Damaris Reynolds. Auction at 11 o'clock today.

Book Committee. Damaris reported that there has been a request for additional books in the series of Atlantic Bridge to Germany. Also a request for Cavaliers of Virginia. She read told about receiving two publishers's lists of genealogy books. These lists will be available in the library. Daniel Froelich received a letter containing a copy of information from the Riggs family bible. It will be in the library.

Queries. Maybelle Martsching had one about Zack Bennett.

Service Projects. Becky was not present but had told the Board that she has been copying the death records from the Benton County courthouse.

Ed Stratton. News letter. The January edition will have a new logo reflecting our new name.

Membership. Danell Aukerman reported a total of 152 members, including a new one today.

The secretary was requested to send get-well cards to Jean Grube, John Yoke, and William Valenzuela.

Unfinished Business. There are copies of the revised by-laws which are available upon contacting Ken.

New Business. Installation of officers by Pat Coolican. She introduced the new officers:

President, Ken Bielman
First Vice President, Gene Kelsey
Second Vice President, Judy Beals
Secretary, Leila Crawford
Treasurer, Ron Edwards
Librarian, Jean Grube

and they were duly installed.

The monthly meeting of the MVGS of May 12, 1995, was called to order at 10:08 a.m., by President Ken Bielman.

The minutes of the meeting of April 8 were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Edwards reported a balance of \$1,469.53 as of April 30, 1995.

Computer Fund: Danell Aukerman has a good supply of archival materials and will bring them to the fall meeting. If anyone wants something sooner, they can contact her. The profits from the sale of archival materials will go into the Computer Fund.

Library: The list of new books in is the Newsletter. Jean Grube described the contents of some of the books.

Merchandising: Damaris Reynolds said that there will be a garage sale on May 29. Volunteers will be needed to help with the sale.

Book Committee. Damaris said that catalogs of genealogy books are in the library and the committee would like some input by members of books to buy. The committee will meet in June so the books should be here by September. The committee has ordered a 3 volume set of early New England residents from the NEHGS.

Public Relations. Judy Beals. Bring a lunch dish to share for the June potluck. We will need help in clean-up and set-up. She passed around a sign-up sheet for hostessing beginning September.

Queries: Mabelle Martsching described the queries received and her replies.

Service Projects: Becky Kiger announced a trip to the Portland Forum on June 24, cost \$10 with a limit of 14 people.

Newsletter. Ed Stratton said that the mailing of the newsletter seems to be working out, and he thanked the people who helped with the mailing. He mailed 120 newsletters.

He is working on an index for the cemetery books.

Membership: Jim Russell reported that there are 83 single and 25 family memberships, making a total of 133 members.

Surname File: Danell Aukerman. Working on getting the surname list on computer, so that the new people will be asked for their lineage charts on a disc (PAF).

Historian. Virginia Hoeye asked that if anyone has anything for the Society's files to see her.

Label Collections. Chairman Laura Crosiar is unable to continue, and Mary Hamlin will take over.

Unfinished Business. Ken Bielman said that mailing the newsletter will make a dues increase necessary. At the June

business meeting we will have a vote on an increase to \$10 for individuals and \$13 for families.

New Business. Roland Crosiar would like to donate to the Society a complete set of Heritage Quest magazines and all of his Genealogical Helpers from 1985 to date and a complete set of Polk County Historial Society's booklets (10 volumes), a series of articles in the Dallas newspaper from the 1930's, a book by Dr. Gordon Clark on streets and road names in Polk County. It was moved and seconded that the offer be accepted.

Ken said that at the Board meeting there was a discussion of changing the name of the Society to Benton County Genealogical Society which would require a change in the by-laws. As there are other revisions which might be made, a committee consisting of Jean Grube, Becky Kiger, and Mabelle Martsching will review the bylaws and report on revisions they think desirable, with probably a vote of the membership in October.

Danell said that the Lebenon group has asked us to co-host the Heritage Quest road show on October 7 at the Albany Library, admission \$25 including a year's subscription to Heritage Quest. Our responsibility would be distributing their brochures to our members and at the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Anderson