

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY General Meeting 11 November 1995, 10:05 am

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

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report. Ron Edwards reported a balance of \$1083.33 as of 31 October.

Library. Jean Grube reported that the list of new books is in the newsletter. Ed Stratton said that Lee Rudisill reported to him that the library is staffed through November.

Merchandising: Damaris Reynolds had been given a number of paperback books which will be sold after the meeting.

Christmas meeting. Damaris displayed the bowl and the afghan and the wall hanging which will be raffled at the meeting, tickets at \$1 or 6 for \$5. The raffle will come at the end of the auction which will be held at 11 o'clock. If the auction is lengthy, we will break for lunch and continue until all items are sold. Everyone is invited to bring their own sandwich as well as cookies to share. There will be punch.

Books. Damaris read two ads for books that might interest members. The ads will be posted in the library. The committee will not buy any new books until after the first of the year.

Hostess: Judy Beals. She has hostesses until February.

Queries. Mabelle Martsching had no new queries but reported that she had information on the wooden railroad from Portland if anyone was interested.

Newsletter. Ed Stratton reported on the current edition. He requested that if anyone had an article for the paper, it would be good to have it on a disc either in Word or Word Perfect. In answer to the question in the newsletter about the importance of the hobby of genealogy, it is ranked third nationally, and first internationally.

Membership. Jim Russell reported that there are 8 charter members, 92 single members and 26 families, making a total of 155.

Unfinished Business. By-Law changes. There is a quorum present. The membership received a corrected copy of the proposed By-Laws. Ken discussed the major changes. The changes were approved by the Board at their last meeting. The items in bold print are being proposed; those in italics are what is now. It was moved and seconded that we vote on the By-Laws. There was a question on Article III. "Addenda" should be marked Sec. A. And in Sec. B of Article III, the second paragraph, "county" should be capitalized. The membership voted and the new By-Laws were accepted without opposition.

Nominating Committee. Damaris Reynolds read the slate of officers nominated.

President, Ken Bielman

1st VicePresident, Gene Kelsey

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Board Meeting December 4, 1995, at the home of Damaris Reynolds.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Jean Grube, acting secretary of the November meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Program: Danell Aukerman. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party. The timetable for the party was discussed.

Ken reported that we received a letter from Ron Bremmer asking for another two hour seminar. There was a discussion about this, and it was decided not to have a seminar in 1996.

January program. Possibly a 25th anniversary celebration and ask some of the earlier members to tell of their remembrances of the society's beginnings.

Hostess: Judy Beal suggested that the persons bringing the monthly refreshments need not stay and do clean-up. After discussion, the Board was in agreement.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Edwards reported an increase of \$177.84 for the month making a balance of \$1261.17.

Library: Jean Grube. The five new books will be in the newsletter which includes two CD's.

Merchandising: Damaris Reynolds, Christmas auction. There will also be a "garage sale" table. There will be an opening price for each auction item.

Books: Damaris. We have not bought any books this month. The committee will wait until January.

Queries. Ed Stratton had a query by E-mail at the museum.

Ken asked whether there was a policy regarding publishing non-member queries in the newsletter. After discussion it was moved and seconded that we would follow a policy that non-member queries will be published in the newsletter at a charge of \$5 per query. There is no charge for member queries.

Membership: Jim Russell reported that we had 88 single, 26 family, and 8 charter members, totaling 151. 68 of these have not paid.

Newsletter. Ed discussed the December newsletter.

Service Projects: Becky Kiger. She has copies the 1920 death ledger. She suggested that it might be printed in the newsletter from time to time.

Unfinished Business: Committee assignments for 1996 are as follows:

Standing Committees:

Audit: Bob Tarrant, Joan Phillips  
Book Purchases: Damaris Reynolds  
Library Scheduling: Lee Rudisill  
Pedigree Charts and Surname File: Jim Russell  
Public Relations: Mitch Beard  
Queries: Mabelle Martsching  
Service Projects: Becky Kiger  
Society History: Virginia Hoeye

Special Committees:

Budget: Daniel Froehlich, Chm, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Betty Swan  
Members' Computer Survey: Joan Mueller

Membership: Danell Aukerman  
Merchandising: Damaris Reynolds  
Newsletter: Ed Stratton  
Norpac Label Collections: Mary Hamlin  
By-laws: Gene Newcomb

Pat Coolican will do the installation of officers.

Jean Grube brought a few copies of the new library shelf list. After some explanations, it was decided to have copies made.

New Business: The Benton County Museum has a home page on the web of the internet. The genealogical society is listed but it's page is currently blank. Ed is working on our logo to reflect our new name. The page will list the information in our brochure.

Ken reported that Mary Yoke has two microfilm readers belonging to the society in her attic, and she needs the space. Ken and Ron will take the readers to a storage space at the library.

The next meeting will be January 8 at Damaris Reynolds'.

The library will be closed on December 26 and January 2.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cecilia Anderson, Secretary