

Minnesota Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 28, 2002
MGS Library

Present: John Mercer, Eugene Menzel, Jim Robasse, Paula Goblirsch, Harold Hinds, Gerry Stifter, Jean Jensen, Darlene Joyce, Wes Waring, Tom Lanman, Todd Aldrich, Linda Balk

John Mercer called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Linda Balk presented the minutes from the July 27, 2002 meeting. Eugene Menzel moved to accept the minutes, Paula Goblirsch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Eugene Menzel presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the current trend is not good. We are losing more members than we are bringing in. We need to think up more ideas for generating membership. Several ideas were discussed. Some of the ideas were to publish more indexes, publish a membership directory and have it cross-indexed with surnames, regions, etc., published a collection of family stories. We need to get more information about us out to the public. Harold Hinds asked that we take these ideas to the executive committee and have them prioritize the ideas. The second suggestion that Harold presented was to purchase library shelving instead of using the current shelving. The library shelving would take up less space than what we are using now which would give us more space in the existing area so we wouldn't have to lease more space for several years.

Gene also mentioned that the IRS every year wants a list of the branch organizations. The English group has dissolved and their treasury is inactive. **Gene moved to suspend the English group.** Gerry seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Darlene Joyce presented the goals and schedules of the cemetery project. Darlene wants to give here presentation about how to search and use the data from the project. Harold Hinds moved to **invite Darlene to talk at the Branching Out meeting to give her presentation.** Paula seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Education Committee: Todd reported that as of last week there are 63 people registered for the Family History Education Day on October 19, 2002. There should be more registrations closer to the event. Todd is still looking for volunteers to help put the packets together and to help at the tables on Saturday.

Library Acquisitions: Paula Goblirsch presented the report of the books donated, purchased and on order from the previous newsletter requisition. Some suggestions that Paula mentioned were to include the prices of the items so people can send a check for the purchase instead of the people trying to find the book, purchasing it and then donating it. She will also publish a list of the donations and the donors in the newsletter.

Paula also mentioned that she would like approval from the board to be able to purchase

books that she finds at used bookstores. Tom Lanman moved that **the library acquisition committee have the authority to purchase books within budget and if requested proved an explanation of the purchase.** Darlene seconded the motion. The motion was accepted with Paula and Harold abstaining.

Electric Cataloging Project: Jim Robasse reported that the two library lists that David Cross uploaded to the YAHOO site have many errors. After a discussion Harold Hinds moved to **place the library catalog on line with the disclaimer that there are errors. Also that they will be fixed within budget.** Gene Menzel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Library: Jean Jensen reported that she is in need of volunteers. Maybe we can make an appeal in the newsletter for more volunteers.

MGS Fund Drive Letter: Gerry Stifter presented the draft for the Annual fund drive letter. Harold Hinds moved to send out the Annual fund drive letter. Darlene Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Executive Committee: John Mercer informed the board that Janice Parrow has resigned. We will need to look for a new member.

Harold moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Balk, secretary