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MGS Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, November 23, 2002 MGS Library

Present: Tom Lanman, Jerry Stifter, Gay McClellan, Jim Robasse, Kathy Lund, Harold Hinds, Darlene Joyce, David Cross, Todd Aldrich, Dixie Hansen, Paula Goblirsch, Jean Jensen, Wes Waring, Lynn Besch, Linda Balk, John Mercer

President Lynn Besch brought the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Linda Balk presented the minutes of the September 28, 2002 meeting. David Cross asked to have the web site added to the minutes heading. Tom Lanman asked to have the date edited on the minutes. Paula moved to accept the minutes with the additions asked for. Tom Lanman seconded the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Stifter presented the treasurers report for Eugene Menzel who is recovering from surgery. The project budget is in the deficit. This is mostly due to the lack of revenue due to decreased membership growth. After a discussion, Darlene Joyce moved that **we accept the proposed budget with the executive committee meeting and making specific proposal for adjustments with a goal of a balanced budget, this to be accomplished within the next two meetings.** Gerry Stifter seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

President's Report: Lynn Besch presented the insert from the Minnesota Genealogist. This needs to be updated. *Please get corrections to Erv Chorn so he can put this in the next issue.*

It is MGS' responsibility to keep the building clean. We could lessen the expense by contracting for once a month instead of bi-weekly. Harold Hinds made the motion that **if in a month someone has not volunteered to clean the facilities, MGS will hire someone to do the cleaning until we get volunteers.** Darlene Joyce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Building Report: David Cross stated that the Czech's are moving into the middle area. They will move in December with the new arrangements taking effect January 1, 2003. The old office be empty. Future plans are to move storage into the old Czech office, knock out the wall to storage and use that for shelving.

Linda Balk has started working on a map of the library. *John Mercer will help map it and Linda will send John what she has done so far.*

Cemetery Committee: Darlene Joyce presented the list of available counties for

adoption. She mentioned that the goals and deadlines were passed out at the September 28, 2002 board meeting and the committee is on track. She would like to have a table at the December Quarterly Meeting and also make a brief announcement at the meeting.

Education Committee: Tom Lanman and Todd Aldrich presented their report of the October 2002 Education Day. The day was a success. We did pick up 6 or 7 new memberships. We need to get a wish list of speakers. Tom talked about possibly doing a technical education day in April.

Executive Committee: Lynn Besch has accepted a free booth at the Minneapolis Women's Expo on January 10 – 12, 2003. It will be at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The hours are Friday, January 10, 12:00 – 8:00, Saturday and Sunday, January 11 & 12, 10:00 – 6:00. She needs volunteers to man the booth. Please get in touch with Lynn if you can volunteer.

Library Automation Report: David Cross reported that the catalog is up and on line and gave the board the address. There will be a new interface. *David and Paula will write publicity about the MGS catalog on line.* <webmandarin.sirs.com/mgs>

Membership: Dixie Hansen presented the membership information to the board. We are losing more members than we are gaining. She reminded us that the dues are increasing January 1, 2003.

Program Committee: Wes stated that the September Quarterly Meeting was good and that we made money on the meeting. The December Quarterly Meeting is ready to go. He is looking at a new place for the March Branching Out Meeting as Kennedy is getting too expensive. The June 21, 2003 Greater Minnesota Meeting: there was talk about Roseau as they have contacted us about doing a booth at their Scandinavian Festival.

Publications:

Minnesota Genealogist: Erv Chorn sent a status report on the Minnesota Genealogist. The summer issue was sent out with the unfortunate typo of Spring Issue. He also stated that he would like to step down as editor as soon as we can find a replacement for him. After some discussion it was decided to form a core group, consisting of John Mercer, Gay McClellan, Paula Goblirsch, Harold Hinds and Dixie Hansen, to look for a replacement for Erv. John Mercer will coordinate the group. They will also compromise the editorial group for publishing the Minnesota Genealogist starting with the Spring 2003 issue until they can find a new editor. Darlene Joyce moved that **the board formally thank Erv Chorn for all the work he has done.** John Mercer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MGS Newsletter: Paula Goblirsch reported that the deadline for the MGS Newsletter is January 2, 2003. She would like to find a graphic designer to help with the newsletter. She has a list of library acquisitions to print in the newsletter.

New Projects Report: Lynn Besch presented a list of projects for the board to review and find volunteers for the open positions. Linda Balk and Darlene Joyce volunteered to fill the positions of MGS Guide to our Collection, MN Sesquicentennial 1858-2008.

Old Business:

Annual Fund Drive: Gerry Stifter reported that we have received about \$1,500 so far from our drive. This is still early in the drive so we should be getting more donations.

New Business:

Concordia College: Lynn reported that Concordia College is moving to a new library facility in the summer of 2003 and we have been contacted about receiving shelving from them. We will be getting together with the coordinator of the move to discuss the shelving at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Balk, Secretary