



Minnesota Genealogical Society

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Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN
Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Present: Robin PanLener, President, Jay Fonkert, 1st Vice-President, Sheila Northrop, Secretary, Mary Wickersham, Treasurer

Not Present: Kathryn Otto, Executive Ctte, at large

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Sheila Northrop had provided copies of the October 23, 2007 Executive committee meeting's minutes via email. A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report:

Robin PanLener reported that the fundraising letter has gone out. Mary Wickersham reported that responses and donations are starting to come into the office.

Robin reported that there have been requests for additional key cards for the library. It has been decided that each group should receive one card only. There was some discussion and a report on the branch rents. Robin reported that the Finnish group is leaving the library and that the Ostfriesen group has come into the library. Robin also reported that small lockers have been found for the library and purchased. He would like to see us find a microwave, toaster oven and refrigerator for the kitchen. Kathy Horan has volunteered to create a sign for the window in the library. There appears to be great interest in the library open house scheduled for December 1st.

There were reports from various members on plans for the Quarterly meeting. There was also a discussion about MGS finances and investments.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Wickersham provided an update on the report presented at the last Board meeting and pointed out the significant points. She asked the committee for authority to cover the cost of the library electronic equipment service plan. That authority was discussed and the committee voted to authorize the request. Mary also reported that USBank has asked us to change our bank account type. She

made a recommendation and the committee gave her authorize to proceed due to time constraints. Mary also reported that the Canadian group will continue at their old rent right now because they cannot afford the new rent.

Vice President's Report:

Jay Fonkert reported that he is waiting for confirmation on the annual meeting location before finalizing contracts with the speakers. He needs more information on what rooms are available and he needs to finalize the structure of the conference too. The plan, right now, is for Paula Stuart Warren to speak on Friday and Christine Rose to speak on Saturday. There were more details discussed including the awards banquet and the budget for both. He also reported on his views of the turnout for the December quarterly and the progress of the plans for the March and June quarterlies. There was concern about finalizing the location of the March quarterly. There was also discussion of our participation in the Minnesota Sesquicentennial. He is talking to Annette Atkins about speaking at the banquet, but there were questions about the need for a speaker.

Open House:

Everyone is anticipating a good turn-out. A point was made to get a good count of attendance. Robin plans to contact all the branches for anticipated attendance. Signs for the downstairs lobby and greeters were requested. There was also some discussion about mail delivery.

New Business:

Robin reported that Gerald Maher has put together a mockup of the presentation on the move and the benefits of MGS that will be presented to the branches. It will include a push for volunteers. There was discussion. There was also a discussion about publications.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Northrop, Secretary