



# Minnesota Genealogical Society

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Minnesota History Center  
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

**Present:** Robin PanLener, President, Jay Fonkert, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Sheila Northrop, Secretary, Mary Wickersham, Treasurer, Kathryn Otto, Executive Ctte, at large

**Not Present:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:35 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:**

Sheila Northrop had provided copies of the November 27, 2007 Executive committee meeting's minutes via email. A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mary Wickersham provided a profit and loss report with preliminary figures. She detailed the report for the committee. A motion was made to approve the report. That motion was seconded and passed.

**Old Business:**

Robin PanLener reported that we have received donations of 2 microwaves and a toaster oven for the MGS kitchen. We are still looking for a refrigerator.

**New Business:**

Robin reported that there is concern about falling membership, but that he has recently heard that the figures are starting to rebound. Kathie Otto reported that MGS brochures are going out at a faster rate at MHS. There was some discussion. There was also discussion of the sale of MGS memberships on amazon.com.

Robin reported that MSG has received a volunteer interest form from a member that appears to be a good fit for a publicity chair.

Robin requested that MGS board members be available for the Lillie Suburban Newspaper visit next week. Jay Fonkert reported on publicity for our upcoming events.

Robin reported that the Long-Range Planning committee will meet on Thursday. Gerry Maher will be leading the meeting, and a large turn-out is expected. Robin also provided several ideas for this committee to consider and there was much discussion.

There was some discussion about the nominations for Awards for the Banquet in September. Jay suggested that another mailing be made in early April. The Awards committee will be meeting in mid-March to organize the nomination process. Robin wants the nominations completed by July.

Robin showed us a copy of the Canadian Genealogical Society Constitution that they provided for our records. It will be presented for Board approval at the March meeting.

Jay reported on publicity for our September Conference in National publications such as those for FGS and NGS.

Jay reported that the March meeting planning is in good shape. The June meeting planning is well started. There is much discussion about the concept for this meeting. He would like to encourage all of the branches to participate. Many ideas were discussed. There is no news on the MN sesquicentennial. There was also discussion of future programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Northrop, Secretary