



Minnesota Genealogical Society

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Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Present: Robin PanLener, President, Jay Fonkert, 1st Vice-President, Sheila Northrop, Secretary, Mary Wickersham, Treasurer, Kathryn Otto, Executive Cttee, at large

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

Secretary's Report:

Sheila Northrop had provided copies of the February 19, 2008 and March 25, 2008 Executive committee meetings' minutes via email. A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Wickersham announced that there would not be a report today due to the busy tax season.

Old Business:

Robin PanLener reported on the upcoming Open House dates: Saturday, April 19 and 26th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Food will be served and he hopes for a good turn-out.

Jay Fonkert reported on the upcoming May 10th spotlight lecture series. He reported that there was a good turnout at the April session and that Harold Hines has agreed to the terms of contract for May. Harold is also expected to speak at the June quarterly and the August Spotlight finale.

The Minnesota Sesquicentennial will be celebrated on May 17 & 18, and Robin reported that he has been informed that the hours have been shortened. We will not be participating in this event.

The June 14 Quarterly meeting is expected to be a big attendance draw. The entrance fee for this event will be the same as for all other quarterlies.

Library attendance is up. Research activity is getting busy. Robin will ask our branches for more volunteers to staff the library.

Kathy Horan Grambsch had offered to donate a refrigerator and desk for the library. She will need transportation for these items

Robin outlined his agenda for tonight's Branch council meeting.

Robin has met with Jerry Hoffman and is trying to recruit him as a volunteer. He will present several notes about on-going projects and see if Jerry is interested.

Jay asked if we should consider changing our quarterly programs. He had a handout with ideas. He remarked that we had good attendance in March in Rochester with an approximate attendance of 70 people. A suggestion was made to make a donation to Olmsted County in appreciation of their help with this event. It was suggested that a recommendation be made at the next Board Meeting.

Jay also had an outline for charges for the September event, with several options. He asks that we review this information before May 1st. He would like to have a charge rate ready for publication.

Kathy was unable to attend the publications meeting, and therefore had no report.

New Business:

A suggestion was made that a notice go out to recruit attendance at the MGS upcoming Open Houses. Robin will write up an announcement.

There will be a feature story coming soon in Lillie Suburban Newspapers. This was applauded by the committee as another good publicity opportunity.

Mary questioned whether we needed to file a change of constitution to the Secretary of State office. There was some discussion.

Jay asked about election procedures. There was much discussion and a suggestion that the timetable spelled out in the constitution needs to be changed to a more workable situation. A discussion of the constitution and handbook ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Northrop, Secretary