

GFGS General Meeting October 15, 2020

After a wonderful presentation from Rev. Bob Skinner, on life in the Ukraine after the fall of Communism, Larry called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by Ann Dues (See attached). Jan Thomson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. (We will strive to email all reports to members prior to the next meeting.)

Treasurer's Report:

Larry read the Treasurer's Report to the members (See Attached). Jan Thomson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Goettel seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Membership

Ann Dues reported the number of members who have paid for 2021 is approximately 67 individuals. As the library has been closed due to a COVID case among staff the number is an approximation.

Acquisitions Committee

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). There is an addition to the report of a book recommend for purchase – Germans from Russia for those settling in North and South Dakota as well as Canada, with the cost being \$70 plus shipping. Ann Dues moved to accept the report in addition to the recommend purchase. Jan Thomson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Publication / Publicity

The Library and Montana room has been closed through the 19th of this month due to the increase in COVID cases. The Board will meet viz Zoom to discuss closure through the end of the year. Members will be notified via email of their decision.

Research

There was no response of the notice in the Newsletter requesting members who are interested in helping with research, to contact Larry. Larry will reach out to Diane Green to clarify how she handled research requests and charges.

Projects

1. O'Connor Funeral home records that have been scanned up to 1935 and will be indexed from the scans. Carol Byerly is finding death certificates for those we have scanned.
2. We are still waiting on Diane Green for the report from Hillcrest.
3. George Co. has been indexed through 1932.
4. Jan Thomson has indexed deaths from 1884 – 1906.
5. There have been re-arrangements in the library of the Cascade County small towns. They have been moved to the front shelf just as patrons come into the library. This will give more room to

the expanding Great Falls Section. The research aids have been moved the extra endcap bookshelf.

Tech Committee

Gary Goettel purchased a new backup hard drive for the main computer and has removed outdated malware software from all the remaining computers.

Old Business:

There is a need for archival boxes to hold the first two books of the George Co. records. These books are in extremely poor shape. Jan Thompson moved that we purchase said boxes. Linda Long seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

With the continued rise in COVID cases, we will not be having our usual Potluck meeting in November. We will continue to have Zoom Meetings for the foreseeable future, and Ann Dues will send out meeting invitations and reminders to members.

There being no further business the GFGS Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Ann Dues Secretary