

GFGS General Meeting February 11, 2021

Larry Spicer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Jan Thomson moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Spicer reviewed the Treasurer's Report. (See Attached). Jan Thomson moved to accept the monthly report. Gary Campbell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Membership

Ann Dues reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2021. Lifetime memberships – 5 single & 4 joint; Annual memberships – 89 single & 25 joint. This brings the total to 123 memberships with 152 individuals.

Acquisitions Committee

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). There were no books recommended for purchase. Jan Thomson moved to accept the report with Linda Long seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

Publication / Publicity

Zoom Member Assist meetings continue, with GFGS member Jan Thomson as moderator. There are quite a few attendees and it has been extraordinarily successful.

Jan Thomson talked about the possibility of opening and staffing the Montana room as soon as enough members have received their COVID-19 vaccine. She talked with the Public Library Director who is excited about the possibility but wants us to remain safe. It is hoped that we may be able to accomplish this by the second week of March, for at least 4 hours / day. Those members who are willing to help staff the Montana room are asked to email the Society @ gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org.

Research

Jan Thomson is using the Wednesday Zoom sessions with members to help them with research and is taking care of email requests as time permits. Any member willing to help with research is asked to contact the Society. Thanks go out to Cande Recke who is working on DAR requests. There was no income.

Projects

1. Our O'Connor Funeral Records Project continues on hold until we can get more records from them. Jan Thomson, with assistance from Carol Byerly, continues to print out death certificates for the records that have been scanned.

Tech Committee

The router has been updated with the latest firmware, thanks to Gary Goettel.

Ann Dues has been looking at upgrading our current Microsoft 2013 Office software to Microsoft 365. There was an offer of up to 10 free licenses of "Business Premium 365", but this was only for one year, and after that it would be cost prohibitive. She will continue to explore other possibilities.

Old Business:

1. Larry Spicer reported that the "Volunteer of the Year" plaque is now full. He is exploring the purchase of a new plaque that would hold 12 more names. The cost of the wood would be about \$40.

New Business:

- 1.) Please send in any requests or suggestions for future speakers or programs to the Society's email address or contact any board member.

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

Respectfully, Ann Dues Secretary