

## **GFGS General Meeting March 11, 2021**

Larry Spicer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Linda Long moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Campbell 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. Diane Kriol 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 – 91 single & 65 joint. This brings the total to 126 memberships with 156 individuals. One of our new members, April Carey, joined our Zoom Meeting from Oregon. Welcome April and all of our newest members.

### **Acquisitions Committee**

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). There were no books recommended for purchase. Jan Thomson moved to accept the report with Marie Berti 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 opening and staffing the Montana room on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. Those members who previously worked specific days will be returning, and most days are currently covered. We have also received permission from the Library to have members who are willing to work on projects to do so. As more members are willing to help staff, we will move to open our Library during these hours. You can email the Society @ [gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org](mailto:gfgenealogy@genlibrary.org) if you are willing to volunteer.

### **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. There was no income.

### **Projects**

1. Our O'Connor Funeral Records Project continues to be 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.

2. Larry Spicer reported that he has completed printing off Newsletters "The Yellowstone Builder" from a CPS Camp near Terry Montana in the 1940's. There were other camps in the West Glacier area, and he will investigate whether they also produced newsletters.
3. Jan Thomson and Merle Ann McLeish continue to edit the Cascade County deaths from 1885-1906. These will be posted on our Web Page when completed.

#### **Tech Committee**

1. Ann Dues has been looking at upgrading our current Microsoft 2013 Office software to Microsoft 365. Microsoft put her in touch with Summit Technology, which works with small Non-Profit entities. They have been extremely helpful and have offered us 10 free Microsoft 365 Business Premium licenses for no cost to our Society, for as long as we exist. This product will give us all the programs we need and will give us continual updates from Microsoft. Linda Long moved that we accept this offer. Ann Dues seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Linda Long and Merle Ann McLeish have been looking into obtaining our own channel on "You Tube" so that we can share speaker presentations as well as Genealogy Class Instructions.

#### **Old Business:**

An email will be sent out to members who previously volunteered to let them know of the opportunity to staff the Montana Room starting March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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.
- 2.) It looks like the Great Falls Farmer's Market will open this coming June. We will have more information about our possible return to the market when they have their Spring meeting in April.

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

A 20 minute video from Roots Tech on Court House Records was shared.

Respectfully, Ann Dues Secretary