

MEETING MINUTES, GFGS, MAY 13, 2021

Larry Spicer, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April General Meeting were reviewed. Cheryl Lucas moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Gary Campbell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl Lucas presented the Treasurer's report. Jan Thomson moved to accept the report. Rita Campbell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Membership

In Ann Dues' absence, Larry reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2021. Lifetime memberships – 5 single & 4 joint; Annual memberships - 93 individuals & 24 joint. This brings the total to 129 memberships with 160 individuals.

Acquisitions Committee

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report (see attached). It included many books purchased from the AAUW Book Sale. The report also included the recommendation of purchasing 6 books: Western Massachusetts Families in 1790, vols 2 (\$32.95) & 3 (\$29.66); Adventurers of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1625 3 vols (\$259.12); Atlas of County Boundary Change in Virginia, 1634-1895 (\$29.95). Treasurer, Cheryl Lucas, noted that the Acquisition Fund for US purchases was nearly depleted due to no incoming Brags & Birthdays contributions or Research funds. She proposed that a separate line item be created in Acquisitions, strictly for the purchase of Montana books. Larry asked for Cheryl's help in putting together an email to be sent to the Society's members, asking that they send in Brags & Birthday donations and/or contributions to a Montana Book Fund. In the meantime, Cheryl stated that the Virginia books recommended for purchase were for the colonial time-period, so funds from the Foreign Acquisition Fund could be used to buy them. Jan Thomson moved to accept the report with recommended purchases. Gary Campbell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Publications / Publicity

Jan Thomson reported that the Wednesday informational meetings she has been doing via Zoom, have been suspended until fall. In the meantime, should people want research information assistance, she will offer to do that a couple of times a month.

Research

\$30.00 has come in for research since our last meeting.

Tech Committee

Linda Long said there was nothing to report

Projects

Jan reported on that O'Connor records up through 1939 by been scanned.

Old Business

President Larry reported the wall begin the research computers has been repaired and repainted by Public Library custodian, Bob Miller. The replacement Volunteer of the Year plaque is still being worked on by the engravers but will be back in place as soon as they complete their work.

New Business

- Non-profits are not being allowed to participate in the Farmer's Market this year. They will have a table available for the display of information. Ann Dues is willing to set p GFGS information at that table. Larry will look for an appropriate display rack for GFGS membership forms.
- The Board also approved up to \$300 for the purchase of a new computer monitor with webcam, speakers, and a microphone. This will allow future General Meetings to be made available via Zoom for those unable to attend our meetings in person. Jan Thomson moved that the funding be approved, seconded by Gary Campbell, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Linda Long is searching for a new desk for the library. Larry mentioned that the Board had approved up to \$500 for the purchase of a new desk, funds to be taken from the Equipment Fund. Cheryl Lucas moved that the funding be approved, seconded by Linda Long, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Discussion following regarding the staffing of our Library during the extended hours of the AAUW/Friends of the Library used book sale. There were volunteers for each day of the sale.

There being no further business or speaker for the evening, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Larry D. Spicer
Secretary pro-tem