

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

Larry called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting (see attached) were reviewed. Marie Berti moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Cheryl Lucas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. (See Attached). Jan Thomson moved to accept the report as presented. Ann Dues seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Cheryl Lucas presented the budget proposal for 2022. After discussion Linda Long moved to approve the 2022 budget as presented. Ramona Boyton seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Research**

There was no income in October from research.

### **Acquisitions Committee**

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). Cheryl Lucas moved that we approve the acquisitions report along with the books recommended for purchase. Diane Kirol seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Publication / Publicity**

1. Jan Thomson moved that we renew our advertisement in "Montana's Cultural Treasures" publication for 2022. Cheryl Lucas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Jan is also continuing her Zoom educational programs as time allows.
3. Cheryl Lucas and Linda Long are working on publishing the Cascade County deaths prior to 1906 when death certificates were used.

### **Membership**

Ann Dues reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2022. Lifetime memberships – 6 single & 4 joint. Annual memberships – 51 single & 7 joint. This brings the total for those who have paid for next year to 68 memberships with 79 individuals.

### **Tech Committee**

Linda Long reported that the desktop computers are just now starting to be on sale with Window's 11 installed. She will look at the upcoming sales for purchase.

### **Projects**

1. Our O'Connor Funeral Records scanning project is continuing.
2. Glenn Jeffery and Diane Green have completed the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum cremation records which are now on the administrative computer. They are currently working on boxing the physical records.

3. Diane Kriol is working on indexing school census book. Thank you, Diane, for tackling this large project. There is a need for archival boxes to preserve the oldest of these records as they are in bad shape. Cheryl Lucas reported that 3 of the necessary boxes will cost between \$65-\$80. Marie Bertie moved that we purchase 3 boxes. Diane Kriol seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
4. Cheryl Lucas has been working on our maps. She is putting them into Past Perfect and placing the folding maps into archival boxes and is working on the larger maps as archival boxes to file the large flat maps have arrived.
5. There is a need to update our Cemetery records and any volunteers for this project are welcomed.
6. Linda Colenso has finished her inventory of the library and we are now working on locating books she was unable to find. Thank you Linda for your time and energy committed to this project.
7. There are several historical scrap books that need indexing. Volunteers are needed for this project.

#### **Old Business:**

1. The new printer stand was purchased by Jan and Bob Thomson as a memorial to Donna Walberg. A plaque has been attached to the stand to that effect.
2. Our office space has been moved across the hall from its old location. It has attained the new name of "area 51". There is a need to go through old and outdated files and records.

#### **New Business:**

- 1.) Larry thanked all the volunteers and board members for all their hard work this past year. He also announced that Cheryl Lucas has been chosen as "Volunteer of the Year" for 2022. Through her employer's program for non-profit organizations, she was able to attain numerous grants which were used to purchase much of our excellent Metis collection. Since her retirement she has taken on various projects along with her Treasurer's duties. Thank you, Cheryl, for all that you do.
- 2.) Election of Officers for 2022. Larry reported the current officers have agreed to serve for another year in their current rolls. As no other nominations were presented, the officers were re-elected by acclamation.
- 3.) The Great Falls Public Library as put out an RFP for a master plan for future development and redevelopment of the library for the next 10 years. As our contract with the library for our space will certainly be looked at, we need to staff the Montana Room for 4 hours / day as stated in our contract. Current volunteers will be asked to extend their current hours from 3 to 4. Additional volunteers are needed, and training will be done for any new volunteers. Please let any board member or Dennis Sugden know if you are willing to help in the Montana Room or the Library.

Braggs and Birthdays were presented.

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

Respectfully, Ann Dues Secretary