

GFGS General Meeting April 8, 2021

President 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:

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Ann Dues moved to accept the minutes. Diane Green seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Merle Anne McLeish reported that our Web Hosting Services was renewed, but that there is an additional charge of \$41.95 for our domain name and security that was not budgeted for. Jan Thomson moved to approve the payment with Ann Dues seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership

Ann reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2021. Lifetime memberships – 5 single & 4 joint; Annual memberships – 92 single & 26 joint. This brings the total to 127 memberships with 157 individuals.

Acquisitions Committee

Larry presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). There were no recommends for purchase. There are several books that we would like to purchase from the Library Book sale (late May) and will talk with the staff about purchasing them early. Jan Thomson moved to accept the report. Jerry Clark seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tech Committee

1. Ann reported that all 6 desktop computers now have Microsoft 365 Business Premium loaded on them. The assistance from Summit Technology was extremely helpful. Each computer now has 1 TB of storage available on One Drive. There are still 4 licenses available and one can be used for the laptop. From the update, Ann learned that the computers need to be "shut down" and suggested this be done when the Saturday staff leave. This will help resolve system issues, increase the life of the computers and is more energy efficient.
2. Past Perfect: Ann reported that she has labeled all the library cabinets and has made an inventory report that has a space for the location of each book. She will enter the location into Past Perfect when the inventory is completed.

Publication / Publicity

1. Zoom Member Assist meetings will continue through the end of April with Jan Thomson as moderator.

2. We again have an advertisement in "Montana Treasures". This is a statewide magazine that lists businesses, museums, art galleries (etc.) in Montana, by city. Please take some when you come to the library to give to your friends and relatives as well as a resource for yourself.
3. Larry Spicer announced that Linda Long wishes to step down from publishing and distributing the monthly Newsletter. Anyone interested in helping with the newsletter, please contact Larry.

Research

Diane Green will be returning to the Library to do research and assist with other projects. Thank you, Diane.

Projects

1. Our O'Connor Funeral Records Project is moving forward. Jan Thomson returned 1930-1934 records and was given 1936-1939 records. These records will be scanned, and Carol Byerly has volunteered to continue to find the death certificates. Collen Yates volunteered to assist with finding the death certificates.
2. Diane Green will work to complete the Mausoleum records for publication.

New Business:

1. Library Re-opening – Larry Spicer reported that there are enough volunteers to cover opening our Library on Tuesday April 13th. We will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 1 to 4pm. We will be following the Library's rules; 1.) the number of people allowed into our library will be 9, which included the volunteers. 2.) Masks will be required as well as 3.) social distancing is not required. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help cover when the current volunteers cannot be there or to assist with projects, please contact Larry or Jan. Additional volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday as there are just 2 people signed up for those days.
2. We will have May's General Meeting via Zoom, and we will continue to offer Zoom once it is deemed safe to return to in-person meetings. This will allow members who are unable to attend to have access to the meetings and educational offerings.

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

Respectfully, Ann Dues Secretary