

## **GFGS General Meeting February 10, 2022**

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

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

Cheryl Lucas presented the Treasurer's report (See Attached). Cheryl also reported that our tax information has been filed. Ann Dues moved to accept the report as presented. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Research**

There was no income received in January from research.

### **Acquisitions Committee**

Larry Spicer presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). Larry noted that the recommendation to move the map boxes to a new location was done and are located in the back of the library. Cheryl Lucas moved that we approve the acquisitions report along with the book recommended for purchase. Marie Berti seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Publication / Publicity**

1. Jan Thomson reported she will be giving a presentation on the Mullan Road at the upcoming conference. This year's "Mullan Road Conference 2022" will be hosted by the Fort Benton River & Plains Society and held in Fort Benton 10-12 June. There is more information about the conference on their Facebook page.
2. Jan Thomson reminded members that the new "Montana Treasures" publication will be coming out next month. We advertise in this publication and receive free publications, so please pick some up when you come to the library to share with friends and family and keep one for yourself.

### **Membership**

Ann Dues reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2022. Lifetime members – 6 single & 4 joint (5 single & 4 joint); Annual members – 90 single & 21 joint. This brings the total for those who have paid for the year to 121 memberships with 146 individuals. Cheryl will check her receipt book to see if several long-time members may have paid in late summer of last year and are missing in the latest membership count.

### **Tech Committee**

1. Linda Long reported that the new computer hard drive has arrived and will replace the administrative computer. The administrative hard drive will then replace the indexing computer which has "died".

2. The CZUR scanner has been set up in “area 51”. This scanner has “Optical Character Recognition” (OCR) technology which allows the scanners to convert printed texts into a digital format. Thanks to this, all words on a piece of paper or in a book are accurately scanned. Members who want to scan need to be trained and supply their own flash drive.

#### **Projects (See attached list)**

1. Our O’Connor Funeral Records scanning project is continuing. Jan reported that the O’Connor Funeral Home has been sold and is hopeful that the new owners will continue to give us access to their records.
2. Please look at the list to see if there are any projects you would be willing to give some of your time to.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Books that were not found in the latest inventory are continuing to be looked for and many have been found.
2. Insurance review –Patricia Nemeth will email and mail her questions to the Society so that we can contact our insurance company for answers. Patricia did need to know what the Public Library required us to carry for liability and asked why we are paying to insure employees when there are only volunteers. Patricia will continue to help the society with this issue. Thank you, Patricia.

#### **New Business:**

1. As there were no volunteers to assist with changes needed to our constitution and bylaws, Linda Long and Cheryl Lucas worked together to come up with meaningful suggestions. The Board will continue to work of this issue.
2. Review of the Retention Schedule (See Attached draft): After review, Jan Thomson moved that we accept the schedule. Gary Goettel seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully, Ann Dues Secretary

The meeting was followed by a presentation from Jan Thomson – “Getting to the US 1950 Census”.