

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, GFGS, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

The format for tonight's meeting started with a program pre-recorded in July 2022 titled "Madame and the Quilt". Carolyn Sherman wrote a book titled "Jennie Allen Crazy Quilt". Carolyn presented her story about how she found the maker of a crazy quilt that her father presented to her. Jennie was Carolyn's great, great aunt. Although Jennie listed her occupation in the census as dressmaker, she was actually a Madame who owned numerous properties in Great Falls. Carolyn donated the book and it is in the GFGS library.

Larry Spicer, President, called to order the September 8, 2022 Great Falls Genealogy Society General Meeting at the Genealogy Library and via Zoom. Thirteen members were in person and one member was via Zoom.

Minutes of the May General Meeting were read by the members. Barb Mittal moved that the minutes be approved, Rita Campbell seconded. The motion carried.

Cheryl Lucas gave the Treasurer's Report. Carol Byerly moved that the report be accepted. Linda Long seconded. The motion carried.

Insurance Report: Cheryl Lucas met with Cogswell. She reported that personal property coverage insurance increased by 2% every year to our current policy amount of \$800 per year. The premium was dropped to \$500 per year after adjustments to the policy were made. Unowned auto coverage was removed. There is no workers compensation on librarians.

Membership: Larry Spicer reported there are 143 memberships with 172 individual members.

Research: Jan Thomson reported that Family Search is here scanning records. They are making progress on Book 7 of George Co. books.

Larry Spicer presented the Acquisitions Committee Report. There were no recommendations for purchase and one Deaccession. Cheryl talked about 10 boxes of files received from Lewis & Clark Genealogical Society as well as other boxes of files. Jan Thomson moved that the report be accepted, Marie Berti seconded the motion which carried. Please see attached report from the Acquisitions Committee, which contains further details.

Cheryl Lucas gave a Projects update. Jan Thomson reported that since the newspaper is not doing an adequate job of publishing obituaries, the Society is looking for people to get obituaries from funeral homes. There are always projects to be worked on. Please see the details of getting obits from funeral homes, as attached. This has also been advertised in the September Newsletter.

Publications/Publicity: No report.

Tech Committee: No report.

Old Business: Membership was reminded that the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be discussed and moved on at the general meeting in November.

New Business: An increase in membership dues was discussed (details were also included in the September Newsletter). The cost of dues has not changed since 2006. The proposed increases are as follows:

Yearly Individual:	\$25 to \$35	
Yearly Joint:	\$30 to \$60	(Two people in the same household.)

The above dues increase will be effective immediately.

Lifetime Individual:	\$500 to \$600
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Lifetime Joint:	\$600 to \$750
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The Lifetime dues will not increase until January 1, 2023.

Cheryl Lucas moved we increase the membership dues. Carol Byerly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Diana Kirol discovered that furniture and paper were available from Northern Directory Publishing, a local business which is downsizing. As a result we received furniture including a filing cabinet and a pantry/storage cabinet from this company. The public library also received furniture donations from this company. Earlier in the year we received paper goods from NDP.

Let it be known: September 8, 2022 was the date Queen Elizabeth II died at 96.

The meeting was adjourned after Brags and Birthdays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana S. Kirol  
Secretary pro-tem