

GFGS General Meeting October 13, 2022

President Larry Spicer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting (see attached) were reviewed. Cheryl Lucas moved to accept the minutes as written. Jan Thomson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. A new member – Sylvie Wood was welcomed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl Lucas presented the Treasurer's report (See Attached), noting several substantial donations. Ann Dues moved to accept the report. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Research

There was no income received in September from research.

Acquisitions Committee

Larry Spicer presented the Acquisitions Report. (See attached). Jan Thomson moved to accept the report. Gary Goettel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. There were no books recommended for purchase. Larry also presented the Acquisitions Committee's "Process and Procedures" document that the Committee had reviewed and approved. (See Attached). Ann Dues moved to approve the document as written. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Publication / Publicity

1. Jan Thomson proposed purchasing flash drives with our logo and address information on them, which we can then sell to members and visitors. 30 can be purchased at \$6.99, totaling \$210. After discussion, Jan Thomson moved that we purchase 30 and sell them for \$10. Sylvie Wood seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Wednesday Zoom educational meetings have resumed.
3. Special interest groups (SIG) for Roots Magic genealogy program and DNA research are resuming on Saturdays. Dates are listed in the monthly newsletter.
4. A beginning genealogy class will be held on October 29th from 1015-1145 am. This class will be free of charge.

Membership

Ann reported the following membership numbers for those who have paid for 2023 and compared it to the same time as last year (in parentheses). Lifetime members – 6 single & 4 joint (6 single & 4 joint); Annual members – 65 single & 9 joint (36 single & 3 joint). This brings the total for those who have paid for the year 2023 to 84 memberships (49) with 97 (56) individuals.

Tech Committee – Nothing Reported.

Projects: (See Attachment)

- The O'Connor Funeral Records have been scanned through 1978 and indexed through 1974.
- Jan reported that there have been several members who have volunteered to collect obituaries posted at funeral homes in Great Falls and surrounding areas.
- Gary and Rita Campbell reported that they should be done with bringing the Highland Cemetery records up to date, by the end of the month. Thank you, Gary and Rita.

Old Business:

1. A copy of the revised Standing Rules was given to those members present and will be sent to all members to review prior to a vote at the November meeting.

New Business:

1. Advertising in Montana Cultural Treasures 2023 publication was discussed. The cost has increased from \$100 to \$120. Jan Thomson moved that we advertise our Society information in the 2023 publication. Linda Long seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Larry Spicer mentioned the possibility of also advertising in a Central Montana publication. The cost is not known and will be investigated further.
3. November's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition potluck will be held at the Nazarene Church on the 10th. As there are other groups using the facility, members are asked to use the 18th Street entrance.
4. Volunteers are needed to cover our Library "closed" times during next week's AAUW book sale. A sheet with dates & times was distributed.

The GFGS General Meeting was adjourned following member "Braggs and Birthdays". Respectfully,

Ann Dues - Secretary