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BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 14, 1985
ACA BUILDING - MANCHESTER, NH

PRESENT: Richard Gagnon, Helen Tuttle, Maurice Moynihan,
Aurore Dionne, Alfred Yelle, Louis Valliere, Mark Gauthier,
Roland Marchand, Robert Maurier, Ky Stratoti

ABSENT: Jean Pellerin, Frank Binette, Frank Chicoine, Irene
Racicot

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

-- President R. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. He asked if there were any additions, corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the previous meeting (December 16, 1984). K. Stratoti did have some questions about the Treasurer's Report. The points she brought up are to be clarified in the finished report which M. Moynihan will present.

-- A. Yelle moved that these minutes be accepted as written. This was seconded by R. Marchand, and accepted by the Board.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

-- This report was given by H. Tuttle.

-- There were two work days at the Library, the last of which was on December 31. They were from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The books were rearranged on most of the shelves to accommodate different types of books on certain shelves -- for example, family histories, town-histories, genealogical histories, census, states, etc. A new numbering system was also started for these books.

-- Another work day is needed to number the books and put them on the shelves. G. Frechette is typing up reference cards for us. The filing system is also going to be revised. The microfilm is now in the metal cabinet near the microfilm readers. A lock is needed for this cabinet.

-- I. Racicot has agreed to take over the scheduling of the librarians. We thank her for this.

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-- There are some books to be bound, and there are quite a few duplicates. We need to find out what is to be done with the duplicates.

-- We need a place to put the books we have in boxes in front of the librarian's desk.

-- There was some discussion on the new arrangement of books on the shelves. M. Gauthier expressed some concern that some of the books are no longer in a logical place. In particular, the Rivest books are no longer on the shelves in alphabetical order with the rest of the books. As this new arrangement was a Library Board decision, M. Gauthier moved that the Library Board reconsider the arrangement in view of the opinion of the Board of Directors, and vote on such. This motion was seconded by R. Marchand and unanimously accepted. The opinion of the Board of Directors on whether or not this new arrangement be kept was: 1 in favor, 6 opposed, and 2 abstaining. This opinion will be taken to the Library Board.

-- Dennis Joyal contacted Helen Tuttle to say that he wants to start opening the Library up on every other Thursday afternoon. I. Racicot has found 2 people to take the other Thursdays. The Library will therefore be open on Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00 on a trial basis.

-- The status on the Moncton tapes is that the index is not done. It will be requested that they be returned to ACGS. The index needs to be completed and bound.

-- It will not be possible to get the repertoires from parishes in Lawrence and Lowell Massachusetts due to privacy requirements.

-- The Deux Montagnes books in the Rivest series are done and are ready to be bound.

-- F. Binette is scheduling a beginner's workshop for Sunday, April 14 starting at 1:00 p.m.

BOOK PURCHASE REPORT

-- This report was given by A. Yelle. He mentioned that he has spent all the money in the current fund, and needs more before he can proceed.

-- The University of Montreal has agreed to donate a Jette book which will be bound in 2 volumes. The University's

flyer will be printed by ACGS and inserted into the March issue of the Genealogist. As soon as the new Jette is bound, the old book will be sent to be bound also, along with other books which need binding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-- This report was given by M. Moynihan. He passed out a summary to the end of December, 1984. The total assets were \$14,574. He will have a detailed accounting from September to December at a later time.

-- It was motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. This was accepted.

EDITORIAL REPORT

-- This report was given by K. Stratoti. She expressed concern over the lack of articles for the March Genealogist. She mentioned that we need more original material that will keep the interest of members. She would ideally like to have a surplus of articles from which to choose so that the Genealogist can be as varied and as creative as possible.

-- The possibility of creating a surname index was discussed. Also brought up was the possibility of publishing a membership list. Past objections to this second idea were raised, especially the possibility of the list being used by perpetrators of "junk mail." Also brought up was a suggestion that we update the membership list to make sure that all members listed are still active, and that we have their correct addresses. Various ways of doing this were discussed, including postage paid post cards, and the Post Office's "address correction requested" procedure.

-- R. Gagnon has been working on a questionnaire to find out why some people have chosen not to renew their memberships, and what we can do to get people to go to the conferences. He mentioned that we should use the opportunity of mailings to members (such as when we send them new membership cards) to get information from them on what they like and don't like. We should also use these mailings to inform them about what we have to offer in the Library, as there have been many important additions in recent months about which many people may not know.

-- R. Gagnon suggested that we bring these topics up for discussion again at the next meeting, and perhaps come up

with a proposal for action at that time.

-- It was generally agreed that we should make out membership aware of scams ("rip-offs") of books and other materials having to do with genealogy that are being sold to unwary people. It was suggested that we mention these "rip-offs" in the Genealogist so that our members will be less likely to fall for them.

-- M. Gauthier asked if an article he has written on his research on an adoption would be appropriate to publish. The names of the people involved had to be changed to protect their identities. It was agreed that the article would be worthwhile to publish as a "how to" on doing this type of research.

SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

--- This report was given by R. Gagnon.

-- The director of the U.S. archives in Waltham, MA has agreed to speak on the Saturday of the Conference.

-- Marthe Beauregard and Neil Boucher have both confirmed their arrangements to speak at the Conference.

-- R. Lawrence will speak to a priest at Our Lady of the Cedars who is an expert on coats of arms. This person may be a potential speaker.

-- We are still looking for speakers on the topic Indians.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT REPORT

-- L. Valliere reported that the Research Department is doing well in keeping up with inquiries. He mentioned, however, that out of the 4 or 5 inquiries they receive each week, they are only able to actually do 2 on the average. Too many of the letters received are asking for information that is not available in the Library. He suggested that an explanatory flyer and form be provided as an insert to the Genealogist. This will let our members know what type of information can be obtained, and the form would help the person making the inquiry to get organized and to provide data that can be used to fulfill his or her request.

-- As he could not attend this meeting, F. Binette called in some suggestions for the Genealogist. His ideas were to

mention that the book fund is getting low and needs donations; that we should have an article on what it means to be a life member; and an article explaining the dues renewal procedure for those members who are still confused by this.

OLD BUSINESS

-- R. Marchand has volunteered his services to do some work on a computer. He will catalogue periodicals by title.

-- J. Pellerin will key information into the computer to catalogue the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

-- R. Marchand motioned that all money that is not destined for a particular account, such as the ACA fund raising program, should be turned over to the book account. This was seconded by A. Yelle, and unanimously accepted.

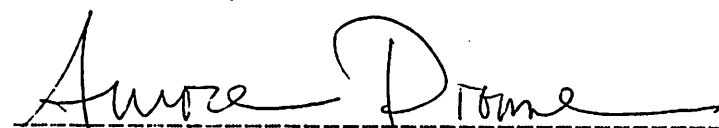
-- R. Gagnon entertained a motion to publicize an offer for a special payment plan for new life members where they will pay \$25 a month for 6 months. This would be a limited offer and the money would go towards the purchase of new books, and the binding of books. This was moved by B. Maurier, and seconded by A. Yelle. All were in favor, with one abstention, and the motion was accepted.

-- The New England Historic Genealogical Society has donated catalogues of the books they have available in their circulating collection.

-- Mark Gauthier moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by M. Moynihan, and unanimously accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 11 at the ACA building at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

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Date