



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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BOARD MEETING - APRIL 1, 1985
ACA BUILDING - MANCHESTER, NH

PRESENT: Richard Gagnon, Jean Fellerin, Helen Tuttle,
Maurice Moynihan, Aurore Dionne, Frank Binette, Louis
Valliere, Irene Racicot, Roland Marchand, Robert Maurier,
Alfred Yelle

EXCUSED: Roger Lawrence, Lucille Lagasse, Frank Chicoine,
Mark Gauthier, Ky Stratoti

--President R. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:20
p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

--J. Pellerin moved that the minutes of the previous meeting
(held March 5, 1985) be accepted as written. This motion was
seconded by A. Yelle and unanimously accepted by the Board.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

--This report was given by H. Tuttle. Work proceeds in the
Library. Several books are being bound including the Trois
Rivieres records. A list of books at the binders will be
available soon.

--J. Pellerin and R. Gagnon will start to catalogue the
Library's history section this week. All major articles will
be listed by family name.

--Periodicals and repertoires are being catalogued.

--A bibliography of the Library's books will be available by
Fall to be sold to libraries and other interested parties.

EDITORIAL BOARD

--The current issue of the Genealogist is ready to go to the
Goffstown Post Office.

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--L. Lagasse is working out an arrangement with people in an elderly housing high-rise to take care of stuffing and sorting future issues of the Genealogist.

--We are still looking for a volunteer to take care of bringing the Genealogist to the Post Office in the future.

--I. Racicot mentioned that she knows of a person who may be willing to volunteer to translate articles from French to English for publication in the Genealogist.

--Articles for the magazine are still urgently needed so that future issues can be produced.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

--L. Valliere reported that the Research Department is doing well with approximately \$600 now in the checking account. The Research staff is finding much success in their search for genealogical answers.

BOOK FUND REPORT

--J. Pellerin is taking over the responsibilities of book purchasing from A. Yelle. Mr. Yelle has done a very good job with this in recent months.

--R. Gagnon reported that the life membership drive has netted over \$700 for books so far. Also, the \$500 grant from the Quebec government will be obtained soon. With other receipts, the book fund should soon be up to nearly \$1,500.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

--To date we have received full payment for 5 new life members, and partial payment (taking advantage of our current "installment plan" offer) for 2.

--The Board discussed a request from a member that ACGS consider allowing people who are 75 years of age or older to become life members for \$100. This would require a change in the by-laws. This request may be considered at the annual meeting in October.

ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

--R. Gagnon reported that all offers made by ACGS to the

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AGHA, Inc organizers have been rejected. ACGS is therefore proceeding to sue the AGHA organizers.

--The ACGS lawyer and R. Gagnon are drafting a letter to be sent to the AGHA membership. The purpose of the letter is to explain to the members about what has occurred with AGHA, and the ACGS opinion of the actions taken by the AGHA organizers.

--I. Racicot made a motion as follows:

- That the letter be sent to the AGHA membership as drafted
- That a stamped reply mail postcard be sent along with the letter. The AGHA members will be asked to express their opinions, by means of this postcard, on whether or not AGHA should dissolve. It will be made clear to the members, in both the letter and the postcard, that should AGHA dissolve, its members would lose Library privileges with ACGS.

This motion was seconded by J. Pellerin and unanimously accepted.

--The response to this mailing will be considered along with the other factors involved in the lawsuit proceedings.

CONFERENCE REPORT

--R. Gagnon outlined the details of the Jette book raffle which will be held at the Conference in May.

--All preparations for the Conference are going well, and we look forward to a successful event.

ACTFANE

--R. Gagnon acknowledged that Paul Pare of ACTFANE has been a great supporter and helper to ACGS.

--ACGS will receive a payment for every one of our members (and their guests) who go on the ACTFANE genealogical trip to Quebec in August. A flyer describing this trip is being sent to members along with the Genealogist.

--F. Binette made a motion that ACGS join ACTFANE. This was seconded by R. Marchand and unanimously accepted. The annual fee for membership is \$50.

ACA TRIP

--For each ACGS member and guest who takes advantage of the ACA offer of a trip to France, ACGS will receive \$30. ACA is doing a mailing to the ACGS membership to tell them about the trip offer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

--This report was given by M. Moynihan.

--The balance in the checking account at the end of March was \$1,223.29. Details will be provided to Board members in a report within a few days.

OLD BUSINESS

--The loan to handle legal fees that are being incurred in dealing with the AGHA matter was discussed. It was agreed that it is now necessary to increase the amount available for these fees from \$2,500 to \$3,300.

--F. Binette made a motion to obtain a loan of \$3,300. This was seconded by I. Racicot and unanimously accepted.

--As was previously agreed by the Board in a motion made, and passed, at the meeting of February 21, 1985, R. Gagnon, President, M. Moynihan, Treasurer, and A. Dionne, Recording Secretary, are authorized to sign for the loan.

--The ACA's Beauce, Dorchester, Frontenac series of books have been stolen from the Library. R. Maurier moved that ACGS replace these books by purchasing an unbound set for \$80. This motion was seconded by M. Moynihan and unanimously accepted. F. Binette made an additional motion that this money come from the book fund. This was seconded by I. Racicot and unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

--Membership development was discussed. The percentage of inactive members has increased significantly. Several ideas were brought up on how membership could be increased.

--H. Tuttle has volunteered to organize a mailing to members who have become inactive in the past year.

--F. Binette will design a questionnaire to be sent to

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members who have become inactive prior to last year.

--J. Pellerin has volunteered to work on organizing film showings, speakers, etc. to be presented on a continuing basis some time in the future. A. Dionne will do publicity on this, and on ACGS activities in general, so that people may become more aware of the Society and what it has to offer.

--A. Yelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. This was seconded by A. Dionne and unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,



Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

4/4/85

Date