

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 1991

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CALL TO ORDER      A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held Thursday, February 14, 1991 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL            Robert Decoteau was absent and Helen Tuttle and Anne-Marie Perrault were excused.

RECORDING  
SECRETARY          The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published.

CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY          Paul Desmarais, Corresponding Secretary, informed the board that all copies of the Genealogist, returned to the Society by the Post Office due to incorrect addresses, is costing us \$2.47 for each issue. Paul also requested new copies for the information package that he sends out to prospective members. It was decided to order a bulk printing with the new logo. Gerry Lalonde agreed to handle the ordering of these sheets plus all the other printed material needed. Connie offered to get together with Gerry and give him all the information needed to all the necessary items for the library. Pauline requested new letterhead and envelopes with the new logo showing the change of position of the flags.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT              Pauline thanked the Board for their assistance in doing the inventory. Gerry mentioned that the inventory was almost complete and using his own figures came up with a value of \$95,000.00. Pauline reported that Helen Tuttle had given the insurance company a net worth figure of \$110,000.00 broken down to \$30,000.00 for equipment and \$80,000.00 for books. A copy will be forwarded to the insurance company. Pauline reported that the answering machine had been well received. In regards to the seminar, Pauline reported good feedback and several people attending had become members. There was a good turnout and it was decided that the same format would be used for the March 3 seminar. Pauline noted that we have three

(3) new life members and also that the Nycum Family History Books had been mailed and she had received an ac  
knowledgegment from NEHGS.

LIBRARY  
BOARD

Connie Hamel, reported she is progressing with the book collection. She is waiting for more shelving and several options were mentioned. Al Hamel mentioned he and Connie had visited the American French Genealogical Library in Woonsocket, R.I. and were surprised to learn they had at least 10 repertoires they have finished and 4 more that they have partially completed. Al was quite impressed with the progress they are making in producing repertoires. They talked with the President and the Librarian and they expressed a desire to meet with our Society and compare libraries and explore ways of working together to better both societies. They also learned of another society in western Massachusetts, Connecticut Valley Genealogical Society who have permission from the Bishop to do the Springfield diocese. It was felt that a possible meeting between the three societies might benefit all.

PUBLICATIONS

Pauline informed the board she had talked with Anne-Marie Perrault and she reported she had almost everything ready to go to the printer on Issue #46. Anne-Marie is having the front cover, back cover and table of contents redone. The board discussed possible ways to improve on the number of issues returned due to address correction and forwarding by the Post Office. It was suggested that we put an insert in the Genealogist requesting members notify the society of change of address. Al reported that proof reading on the Ste. Marie's repertoire was progressing slowly due to other demands on his time. Gerry Lalonde volunteered to take the records and do the proof reading.

COMPUTER  
COMMITTEE

Roland Marchand reported that he had received the second disc on N.D. des Canadiens Worcester and he is editing the first disc.

MEMBERSHIP  
COMMITTEE

Michel Melanson reported he sent out about 83 cards to remind people who have not renewed their membership prior to September. He said that as soon as he was caught up to

December he would be sending them out monthly.

Pauline did a membership report for Helen which included 95 total - new, renewals, Canadian, overseas. There was about 68 renews, 1 life membership. Al inquired whether all of the past presidents of the society were life members. He requested that a renewal card be sent to Jean Pellerin because his membership had lapsed. Roger Lawrence inquired about the life membership cards and was informed that four (4) had been signed prior to tonight's meeting.

#### MOTION

Gerry Lalonde made a motion to increase the membership fee from the present amount of \$15.00 to \$20.00. Al Hamel seconded. The increase is the first in five (5) years and it was felt that in order to remain solvent it was necessary. It was recommended that the increase go into effect October 1, 1991. The increase would be \$23.00 for Canadian and \$25.00 overseas and institutions. It was agreed that we should put a notice in the current issue of the Genealogist to give members advance notice. Motion carried.

#### PUBLICITY

Bob Paquette reported that he had done an early mailing for the Spring Conference and had sent thank you letters to the people who publicized the February seminar and gave them the information on the March seminar. Pauline suggested checking with Lafayette Press to see if they would print some posters for the conference free of charge. It was agreed to put these posters in the Manchester area and possibly Lowell Library.

Pauline questioned whether we were doing a first class or bulk mailing for the conference. Because it could take up to 4 weeks for delivery, it is assumed it would be first class.

Al reported that prospective speakers have been lined up for the Spring Conference. David L. Mishkin on photography, Dick Fortin on the French Protestant Church, Mrs. Nolet on the

Indians. Pauline had a request from a vendor, Hall of Names, to have a display at the conference. After much discussion it was decided that it was not something we wanted at our conference.

Pauline informed the Board that she had gotten clarification from the Post Office on raffle tickets. The law specifies any type of game of chance is a lottery. It is illegal to mail lottery tickets. It was decided not to jeopardize our non profit status by mailing raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold at the library and at the conference in October.

It was agreed that the admission for the conference would be \$8.00 and that there would be preregistration.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

After much discussion regarding the building fund and possible move to the ACA building, Pauline returned the letter to Paul Desmarais to be mailed out requesting applications for grants.

NEW  
BUSINESS

Al informed the Board of the celebration called Open Borders/Sans Frontieres, celebrating the Cultural Exchange Agreement signed October 31, 1989 between Quebec and New Hampshire. It is to be held at Loon Mountain, Lincoln, N. H. on May 30, 31 and June 1. Al was contacted about getting some volunteers to represent the field of genealogy. Al stated that he and Connie would be attending and Bob Paquette and Gerry Lalonde volunteered to assist him.

It was agreed to table the balance of the agenda until the next meeting which will be Thursday March 14.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary