MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MARCH 14, 1991

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held Thursday, March 14, 1991 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Gerrry Lalonde was absent and Helen Tuttle and Anne-Marie Perrault were excused.

RECORDING SECRETARY The minutes of the regular February meeting and the Special Meeting were approved as published.

TREASURER'S

The treasurer's reports for January and February were read and held for correction.

The Genealogist #44 should read #42.

The Archivist Account balance was questioned by Roger Lawrence. The New Building Fund balance is \$14,161.14.

MAINE CHAPTER A brief discussion ensued relative to the possible suspension of their commission and a letter will precede these minutes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Paul Desmarais asked whether we had intentions of inserting a copy of the research departments ad and 5 generation pedigree chart in each edition of The Genealogist. In Anne-Marie's absence Pauline said she was not sure if it would be in every edition.

It was suggested that it could be added as another page or as a tear out. Paul also requested a change on the membership application to show the dues increase. Pauline said she could run labels that could be used to cover the old fee. The question was also brought up about the new fee for a family membership and Pauline explained it would be 50% of a regular membership of \$20.00 making the new fee \$30.00 for a family.

Paul inquired about the cost of publishing The Genealogist and after discussion is was suggested that we go out for bid on the

that we might do the same for the publishing of repertoires.

Pauline is going to meet with Anne-Marie to see if they can put together a bid set and then would seek assistance in proceeding with the bids.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pauline informed the board that Lucille Lagasse had received an anonymous donation of \$500.00 to the New Building Fund Also, the Maine Chapter will do research at our library on April 14 and the Bow, N.H. Genealogical Society will meet here on April 23 so they can check our resources for future use.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Connie Hamel reported the library committee was rearranging the library much to her "concern" Pauline brought up the fact that we need more volunteers to help out due the large increase in membership following the seminars. Pauline noted that the previous Saturday 4 librarians were not able to hand the overflow of people. It was suggested we recruit more volunteers and set a permanent roster for Saturdays. Pauline suggested a request for volunteers in her President's Letter in the next issue of The Genealogist.

Pauline suggested we seek outside storage for the extra copies of The Genealogist and all unnecessary items in the back room. It was also agreed to dispose of the Xerox copy machine.

PUBLICATIONS

Roland Marchand reported that he had completed the work on the N-D Canadiens and was preparing the acknowledgements and it should be ready for publication by the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Pauline asked the board to disregard the January and February Membership Report because there was an error in the number of renewals and new ones will be issued in April.

RESEARCH SERVICES

Pauline Cote has requested that the board discuss the sale of work sheets used by the research department. The research department prefers not making them available for sale. The subject was discussed by the board and it was suggested that we could have a larger quantity printed and they could be offered for sale.

MOTION

Roland Marchand made a motion that this form be put under the control of Gerry Lalonde and that he order a greater quantity and establish a price and supply the research department as they are required. Roger Lawrence seconded. After discussion the board was in agreement.

PUBLICITY

Bob Paquette reported he had sent out advertising for the Spring Conference. He displayed a draft poster for the Conference and expected them to be printed within the next week.

OPEN BOARDERS Al Hamel reported he and Connie had attended another meeting and explained he had talked with Ministry of Cultural Affairs in Quebec and he offered to have two people call Al, one from the National Archives and one from a genealogical society in the Beauce area to discuss what their assets were. This would be combined with our presentations.

Roger suggested we have a video made showing the library and what is available.

SPRING CONFERENCE

The mailing has been made for the Spring Conference. Four speakers are scheduled.

BUILDING FUND Pauline reported she had met with Bob Leroy and they had gotten the letters out for grant applications. In response to the 17 letters mailed out, 3 replies have been received. Paul Desmarais read a report on the Building Fund Committee. They met with Ste. Mary's Bank and Numerica Savings Bank concerning the possibility of obtaining a loan if necessary for the purchase of the property in Bedford. Paul, Al Hamel, Connie Hamel and Bob Leroy attended the auction but did not bid on the property.

A copy of this report is filed with the minutes.

Paul mentioned he was going to pursue possibility of finding land available in the Bedford area for future purchase.

GUIDELINES

Pauline passed out copies of the new set of guidelines and requested that board member check them over and we would discuss them further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS Al reminded the board that members were not to use the door in the basement used by the Day Care Center.

Bob Paquette mentioned he had been approached by a representative from the Mall of N.H. concerning the possibility of doing something on the ethnic background in Manchester.

Bob also mentioned the possibility of meeting with other societies to try to compare ideas and visit each other's libraries to exchange ideas and also possible reciprocity.

It was agreed to offer a line of research for the Channel II auction.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

redith Corseneault

Recording Secretary



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

Founded September 1973 in New Hampshire

P. O. Box 668 Manchester, NH 03105

March 17, 1991

Mr. Jim Willard, President Fr. Leo Begin Chapter P.O. Box 2125 Lewiston, ME 04240

Dear Jim:

Just wanted to confirm your plans to bring a group of the Maine Chapter members to the Library on Sunday, April 14. I'm looking forward to having your group here.

At our recent Board meeting, the subject of the commission we pay to your chapter was brought up. Since most of the Board Members present joined the Society after the formation of your chapter, Roger Lawrence explained how it came about.

I'm sure your members can appreciate the fact that besides our ever increasing costs to produce <u>The Genealogist</u>, our postage costs have gone up again. Fortunately, we have not experienced a rent increase in a few years, but it wouldn't surprise us if we got an increase next year. Although our free seminars generated several new members, most of them are local, and it now appears that we will have seek off-site storage for the back issues of <u>The Genealogist</u>, in order to start utilizing our "backroom" for research.

After quite a bit of discussion, it was suggested that we broach the subject with your Chapter, of a possible suspension of commissions until the building fund drive is complete or until your Chapter experiences a financial hardship, whichever comes first.

Another item that came up is the fact that Helen Tuttle, Treasurer mentioned to me recently that we have not received a Treasurer's Report from your Chapter in quite a while. Could you follow up on this and re-institute this procedure? It may be just one of those things that slipped through the cracks during a change of officers.

As you know, we are still adamantly pursuing the purchase of our own building. Recently, we had an opportunity to bid on the ideal building. When Paul Desmarais approached the bank with our past three years of financial statements, the bank was not very encouraging. Based on these statements, they would only loan us approximately \$30,000. We have begun the difficult task of trying to improve our financial situation by increasing our dues as of October 1; and our fee for the Conferences had to be increased slightly.

We didn't want to spring these things on your chapter without an explanation so I would appreciate it if you would discuss it as soon as possible. It would help the Society as a whole, if your members were willing to accept the proposed suspension as explained above.

Pauline Cusson

Sincerely,

Pauline Cusson, #2572

President

cc: Board of Directors, Manchester

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AMERICAN CANADIEN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 14 MARCH 1991

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