

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 11, 1993

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- CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 11, 1993 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.
- ROLL CALL Bob Paquette, Ron Niquette and Roger Lawrence were excused. A quorum was present.
- RECORDING SECRETARY The secretary's report was read and 3 corrections made. The report will be filed was corrected.
- TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer's report was read and accepted and will be filed for audit.
- PRESIDENT'S VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Pauline Cusson, President, reported that the next All New England Conference would be April 22 - 23, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in Manchester. There will be another planning meeting on April 24, 1992 the same day as our Spring Conference. Pauline felt a member of the Board should represent us.
- The Conference mailing is ready to go out and pre-conference registration is \$8.00. Those registering on the day of the conference will pay \$10.00. This is to encourage people to register early and make it easier for Gerry on the day of the conference. Pauline felt that this was too late in notifying people by 3rd class mail. She proposed that on future mailings we should establish an absolute deadline. If the mailing is not ready 2 months before the conference it should go 1st class. Ron Niquette has sent out publicity information to magazines and will do the newspapers in a week or 2.
- The All New England Conference will be about the same time as our Spring Conference next year. Pauline felt we should forgo our Conference next year or have it in May, but St Anselms is closed down at the end of May. Several options were discussed. Pauline would like a decision made so it can be published in Issue #56 of the *American Canadian Genealogist*, if possible.

Pauline Cote reported that all the marriages and births of St. Augustin's have been copied. She recommended we start with the births and deaths and finish with the marriages. Several of the books cannot be opened to photocopy the crease and Pauline needs help to check the information in the crease. If we use the old book this work will not have to be done.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Library: Connie Hamel reported that they have received a large order of books and Bob Maurier reported he has ordered several more. Gerry Lalonde mentioned that the Notarial Acts were available for purchase. He may be going to Canada in a few weeks and will check them out to see if this is something we might want to buy. Bob has ordered a book on Land Grants to see what it contains.

Pauline complimented Connie on the newsletter she is doing for the librarians. Several positive comments have been made. The question has arisen as to whether we charge members of the ACA who wish to use the library. It was agreed that they may use the library at no charge but they don't get any benefits. If the time comes that there should be too many ACA members and no room for our members, we would discuss changing the rules.

Connie is planning another training session for librarians on a Sunday to be chosen.

Computer/Publications: Roland Marchand reported that St James Parish in Island Pond, Vt. is finished and almost ready for final printout. Blessed Sacrament marriages : 2 out of 3 files ready for proofing. Births: 3 out of 6 ready for proofing. Deaths: ready for 1st edit. Pauline Cusson reported that St. Edmunds Parish marriages have been input and part 1 and 3 have been proof read. The first 600 baptisms have been proof read and 1st edits have been done.

Al Hamel reported he had received a computer donated to the library by a member. He is going to check it out and see what what it could be used for.

Membership: Pauline reported Michael Melanson mailed 194 renewals for April and 20 reminders for November inactive.

Editorial: Pauline reported that Issue #55 of the *American Canadian Genealogist* has been delivered to the handlers with the labels. Issue #56 is being prepared and should be 44 to 48 pages.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

Pauline received a letter from Matthew Higgins, Administrator of Library Operations from the N. H. State Library. They have an arrangement with Northeast Document Conservation Center to have 4 preservation surveys conducted in N.H libraries, archives, historic societies etc. They evaluate the collection and make recommendations on conservation. They are partially subsidized by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities with the balance coming from Title 3 Funds. We may apply for an application for intent to apply. Connie will file the form for application.

Roger Lawrence and Lucille Lagasse and Rita Lippe met to discuss Anniversary plans. Gerry Lalonde suggested we tape an interview with Roger and Lucille discussing the founding of the

NEW
BUSINESS

Pauline received a letter from L'Institut Francophone de Genealogie - La Rochelle (France). They were asking for membership as a society. Pauline wrote and offered to exchange journals with them and offered them the first 50 of our journals for \$110.00 (U.S.) if they purchased the first 50 we would give them the next 5. Al Hamel explained that they would act as a clearing house to tell

people where they should look for information they are seeking in France. We would provided the same assistance for their members.

Pauline felt that they may not be interested in our journal because it is in English. Al stated that most children in France over the past 25 years have been studying English. After much discussion it was decided to give them the first 55 issues of the *American Canadian Genealogist* and the two indexes. We could continue to exchange after that. She is also going to inform them of our research services.

Al brought up the subject of informing our members of trips to France by other societies. Pauline Cusson suggested we do a mailing later in the form of a newsletter with all the information on trips to various locations and conferences being held. Gerry suggested we do it at the same time as our conference mailing to save on postage.

ACA would like to renew our exchange of publications. This has been done in the past and stopped at some point. Pauline suggested we furnish them with the missing issues of the *American Canadian Genealogist*.

Gerry Lalonde informed the Board that he has signed up for a course on Grants. The previous course he had signed up for was cancelled.

Pauline Cusson is meeting with Ralph Beaudoin March 25, and will bring him up to date on the building plans. Gerry had the opportunity to talk with a banker about our situation and he felt that we could qualify for financing. He suggested a couple of banks to Gerry and he is going to talk with them. The Rimmon School is also for sale and Pauline is checking on the details.

The Rotary Club has grant money available and Pauline wrote to them informing them that we had just purchased the

Vermont Vital Records and asked what was necessary to apply for a grant to purchase a microfilm reader-printer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next meeting will be April 8, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary