MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 12, 1994

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday,

May 12, 1994 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

All members of the Board were present. **ROLL CALL**

The minutes of the March and April meetings were read and accepted. RECORDING They will be filed as published. **SECRETARY**

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weeks before a decision is made.

PRESIDENT/VICE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Pauline asked Gerry Nash to update the Board on the final costs to renovate the building. He explained each item on his report in detail. The improvements cost \$87,647.00 He estimates furniture and fixtures to finish the Library would be about \$35,380.00 and about \$15,000.00 will be needed for the fund raising, for a total of \$123,027.00. We need to raise at least this much with the fund raising.

Fund Raising: Gerry N reported that the fund raising is progressing well. They have all the contents of the packets ready. The letter is ready and will be personally signed by Pauline. The letters will be individually addressed as well as the envelopes. The phone bank has been organized by Lucille Lagasse and Pauline is going to do the envelopes at Gerry Nash's office over the weekend. The envelope will be stuffed on Sunday, May 22 and will be mailed on May 23. The phone calls will begin within the next week.

Pauline recommended we establish a Building Committee to oversee all operations of the Library. She had an estimate done in 3 phases by a friend of Larry Autotte: 1 for inside maintenance, 1 for inside and outside grounds maintenance, and 3 for outside, inside and ordering and supplying paper products etc. She didn't have the prices available but thought they were from \$85-115/ per week.

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MOTION

Roland Marchand made a motion to set up a Building Committee consisting of 3 people who would manage the building and report to the Board. Gerry Nash seconded. Motion carried.

Pauline proposed that, providing they agree, Maurice Beaudoin, Real Casa and Ray Desfosse be named to the Building Management Committee.

Fall Conference: Larry Autotte reported that he has booked St. Anselm's College for the Fall Conference on October 2, 1994. He has one speaker who has accepted. Professor Choquette who will do 2 segments, one on prominent women in New France and the other, looking at the settlers who came to New France. He has one suggestion for an Acadian speaker, Lisa Ornstein who is the Archivist at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Larry is looking for one more speaker to fill out the day. If he is unable to get a 4th speaker we could have a beginner workshop for those who are interested and a round table for people with problems. Gerry Lalonde offered to be the nominating committee for the Fall Conference.

ALL N.E. CONFERENCE: Pauline reported that the Conference was a success. The Conference net about \$20,000.00 which would probably be distributed among the Societies involved. The planning meeting for the next All N.E. is June 4 probably at the R.I. Society. The next All N.E. will be Oct. 13-14, 1995 in Burlington, Vt.

FORGET VOLUMES: Pauline received a call from Mr. Goettlich from Ct, who is interested in borrowing the 3 volumes that we have so that he could extract the information and publish it in a Jette format. The Board agreed to loan him the volumes, one at a time, as they are in no condition to photocopy. We would receive a finished copy of his work in exchange.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Board: Connie Hamel reported the Library Board met and had a lively discussion concerning the cataloging of the periodicals. She did them alphabetically rather than by location. These have been changed to geographical location instead. They are also setting up a new routine for mail distribution so that Connie will receive all new books and periodicals when they arrive at the Library. She will then forward them to whom they belong. This way she can keep track of books that arrive and have a knowledge of what has been received.

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It was also agreed that all Librarians and Board Members should be given keys to the building. The Research Dept will also be given keys.

Research Dept: Al Hamel reported he has a friend who has a 900 member and has offered it for our use. He offered to put an ad in any paper of our choice at his expense. The ad would be for people interested in French-Canadian genealogical information. They would call the 900 number and it would give them the information to contact out Society. Al did not know what the fee per minute, per phone call, would be and will get more information on this. If the Board is interested he will make the line available to us. The Board was concerned about possible scams and would not want to be involved if the charge is not reasonable.

Computer/Publications: St.Edmund's repertoire is almost finished. It will be two volumes, 1 for baptisms and 1 combined marriages and deaths. The price is \$65.00 for both or \$35.00 each.

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<u>Publicity:</u> Al Hamel has asked to be replaced as Publicity Chairman. He does not have the time to do the necessary work at this time. Lucille Lagasse has agreed to fill this position.

Gerry Lalonde suggested we have a section of the A-C Genealogist dedicated to the new building. The Board felt a newsletter would be a better format.

Al Hamel talked with a woman from Burlington, Vt. who was at the Conference selling tee-shirts under the name of Ances-tees. She is interested in working with us in selling these shirts to our membership. We would obtain orders for her and forward them to her. She would then produce the shirts and ship them to the buyer and give us a share of the profits. He expects her to contact him soon and give us more details.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Al informed the Board that he has had 2 people contact him about handicap access. He wanted the us to be aware that people were now inquiring about it. It is something we may have to consider in the near future.

Gerry Nash asked for a volunteer to pick up partitions we have purchased from Digital. Roger Lawrence offered to rent a truck and pick them up.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

The next meeting is June 9, 1994

Respectfully submitted, Judith Q. Auserlault

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