MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS **SEPTEMBER 8, 1994**

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 8, 1994 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided.

ROLL CALL

Larry Autotte, Lucille Lagasse and Gerry Nash were excused. A quorum was present.

RECORDING SECRETARY

The minutes of the last meeting were read and a correction was requested. Under Fall Conference it should have stated "he was unable to get Lisa Ornstein" not Leslie Choquette. The minutes will be filed as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gerry Lalonde reported we have raised \$1300.00 so far for the conference raffle. 65 people have preregistered for Conference so far. There are a few leaves for the tree that have to be sent to be engraved but they will not be ready before the Conference. Pauline reported she had received a check from Thomas Laforest for 100 raffle tickets. He stated if he won the Life Membership or Jette he would accept, if he won the 50 Genealogists he would like them put back and raffled again as he already has them all.

Gerry reported he had received a bill for the copy machine. They are not charging any interest each month so he would like to continue to pay monthly payments unless they start charging interest. In that case, he would pay it off. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable.

Al Hamel suggested we seriously think about replacing the microfilm readers if we are planning to obtain the Maine Vital Records in the future. We only have 1 that is working and it is difficult to obtain parts when they break. He suggested we purchase one if not 2 used machines. He has located 3 from Best Decisions and is willing to try to work out a deal for all 3. He also suggested we think about purchasing a laser printer so we would not have to use Anne-Marie Perreault's every time we do a repertoire. Roland Marchand suggested we have a special meeting of the Computer Committee and decide what we need.

Building Fund:

Gerry reported that \$63,000.00 has been pledged for the building fund and \$38,000.00 has been received.

MOTION

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Pauline read a letter written by Larry Autotte concerning the visit by the Fire Department for a safety inspection. The department was at the Library on August 31, to conduct an inspection. When they arrived Pauline Cote tried to assist because there was no representative of the Building Committee present. They presented a list of items that needed to rectified or they could close the building down. It was determined that we needed an Certificate of Occupancy. When they applied for this certificate we were notified we needed a Building Permit (which we did not have) before we could get a Certificate of Occupancy. Larry met with Al Hamel and Gerry Lalonde today to work on the necessary items needed to obtain a Building Permit. Al offered to do the necessary work to get the proper certificates.

MOTION

Gerry Lalonde made a motion that we authorize Al Hamel to do the necessary work to obtain the required Certificates. Jack Stanton seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion resumed on the purchase of microfilm readers. Gerry stated there was enough money in the checking account to cover our expenses this month and we would have enough to purchase these readers.

MOTION

Julie Smith made a motion that Al Hamel proceed with the purchase of all 3 machines if he can get them for \$1500.00 total. Roger Lawrence seconded. Motion carried.

Slate of Officers: Pauline informed the Board that Larry Autotte has withdrawn his name as President. Julie Smith also withdrew her name as Corresponding Secretary. Anne-Marie Perreault agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Gerry has been working with Brenda Costello who has agreed to be the new Treasurer. He feels confident that she will be able to handle all the tasks required of the Treasurer. Judy Arseneault volunteered to be Corresponding Secretary if arrangements could be made for mail pickup. Julie offered to assist her by continuing to pickup the mail at the Post Office. The Board agreed we should get a new PO box at the new Post Office. We will retain the box we now have for at least one year to avoid any problems. Julie will try to get the new box with a similar number.

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Fall Conference: Pauline reported Dick Fortin had contacted Neil Boucher and he has agreed to do a segment on Acadians at the Conference. He will discuss Deportation of Acadians.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Board: Connie Hamel reported the Family Files are mostly in order. She is working on the periodicals and has been working on putting new labels on them. She is working on a new library format and will be implementing it slowly. The books will be shelved in an up and down format instead of across. Connie said this is a standard library format. Pauline Cusson received a letter from the Librarian for the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield, Ma. She was on the exchange list, but along the way was deleted. She would like be put back on the list and in exchange because they do not have a similar publication they would be willing to give us a copy of the book publications that they produce.

Bob Maurier, Archivist, reported several of the Talbot books need to be rebound and also many of the blue Drouin books are badly in need of rebinding.

Research Dept: Pauline Cote reported that the Research Dept. was doing well and keeping busy.

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Open House: Lucille Lagasse has made arrangements for the Open House which will be held Wednesday, September 14, 1994. The Mayor of Manchester will be attending and she has invited about 300 people. She has asked Roger Lawrence, Pauline Cusson, Frank Binette and Al Hamel to say a few words.

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A meeting of the Computer Committee will be held on Wednesday September 21, 1994 to determine the requirements for a new computer system. Roland Marchand was authorized to purchase a new monitor for the AT&T computer at the cost of \$45.00. The present monitor is unusable.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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