

ACGS
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
13 JULY 1995

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 13 July 1995 at the ACGS library. President Roger Lawrence called the meeting to order at 18:40.

ROLL CALL Brenda Costello and Lucille Lagassé were excused. A quorum was present.

RECORDING SECRETARY The minutes of the 08 June 1995 meeting were reviewed. Several corrections were offered. The notes will be filed as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT [The treasurer's report was not discussed.]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Roger Lawrence had called the State Library to see if the rental contract had been approved by the Governor and Executive Council. There was some discussion as to how to invoice NHSL for the monthly rental. It was agreed that Roger would develop a simple letter invoice on our letterhead and, at the suggestion of NHSL, send one for each of the next 6 months so that NHSL could pay from each as it becomes due. After the initial 6 months it will become the treasurer's responsibility.

He reported that Mr St Laurent is willing to paint the dining space storage room. There is a hole there that needs fixing and scraping is needed as well as painting. Mr St Laurent will do this one free but other work will cost \$10.00 per hour. Some noted that, rather than paying to have other odd jobs done, we could consider purchasing New Hampshire vital statistics.

Roger said he received a call from Adele Baker concerning the Bastille Day festivities at Lafayette Park on Sunday, 16 July and asking if we were planning to participate. It was agreed that we would. We will have a table under the tent. Al Hamel plans to be there. The hours are from 12:00 to 18:00; the set up time will be 11:00. We will need the local repertoires, trifolds, Jetté, and the red Drouins. Help will be required to pack and unpack.

Roger further reported that Marianna Paquette said that her insurance company was upgrading their PC's. They had a 386 for sale for \$280, without a monitor.

There was also a 286 with a monitor for \$70. Roger gave them a personal check for \$350 and was given another 286 (not clear whether this last 286 came with a monitor). Pauline Cusson asked that one of the 386's be fitted with Windows and Quicken. **Bob Paquette moved** that we allow Roger Lawrence to give the Society the PC and to deduct the \$350 he paid from his \$1,000 pledge; **Don Chaput seconded; Pauline Côté voted nay; motion carried.** One of the volunteers had asked if s(he) could have a PC on loan to do data entry. [No resolution on this.] Roland Marchand will set up a plan for the use of all our PC's.

Roger had received a package from Tara Lalonde Bangsberg and John W Bangsberg of Puyallup, Washington containing microfiche of (among other things) Québec census indexes. This package was a donation to the Society and is part of a planned series which are capable of being copied and shared. They would be available to us for \$12.

Roger also reported on the availability of Razor's (Raiser's?) Edge for Windows --- a fund raising software from Blackbaud. Anne-Marie Perrault said that it was very expensive.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pauline Cusson said that we had again been invited to Gunstock on 12 and 13 August to participate in the International French Festival. Roger and Anne-Marie will be able to work this engagement, as will Roland Marchand. Lucille Lagassé and Bob Nepveu may also be available.

Our Fall Conference will be held in the library on 23 September. Roger Cassavant had suggested a Native American speaker. There was also a suggestion of a writer --- a Mr Stanton. Anne-Marie said she thought he may no longer be available. Perhaps there could be some presentations by members who have been to France, e.g. the Hamels and Gerry Lalonde. Anne-Marie suggested a 3 person panel to explain how they did their family histories. It was noted that we should block off the books during the Conference and that the vendors be set up in the hall downstairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library: [Diane Lavoie was not present.] Pauline Cusson asked Roland Marchand if anything had been done yet on the ACA collection. Roland said that Diane had not yet asked him to set up a database.

Acquisitions: Bob Maurier reported that there would be a bill for binding. He also noted that there is a volume of Tanguay missing. [Apparently it has been for some time.]

Research/Publications: Pauline Côté said the Winooski project was to be rescheduled. The Research Department lost money last month. She picked up 3 toner cartridges for the printer for the price of 1 1/2 cartridges. Phaneuf's funeral records were being worked on and should be ready to be printed soon. Infant Jesus in Nashua is ready for inputting. Either St Georges or Ste Thérèse will be next.

A lengthy discussion followed on our lack of resources for publicity and marketing. We need to develop tools to recoup our expenses for preparing repertoires and other publications. Judy Arseneault will prepare a list of our recent publications for sending to anticipated purchasers.

Computer: Nothing more to report than what was discussed above.

Editorial: Anne-Marie reported on the editorial board meeting. They did a post-mortem on the last issue. They suggested a survey in a future issue, asking what was most and least interesting. Covers for the Genealogist were also discussed — don't want flags and don't wish to design a new logo for the Society. There was talk of having a general forum for questions added — also some about removing "lines" as a feature. Anne-Marie also said that the board discussed having a newsletter for timely things and not to have this under the purview of the editorial board. It could be used to contain things that were removed from the Genealogist. The board will continue to have quarterly meetings.

Roland suggested that the membership be apprised of the length of time which may transpire between submission of articles and their publication. Issue #65 is ready but Anne-Marie needs to know how many pages we can afford in view of the rising cost of paper. She thinks it should be cut to 48 or 52 pages.

She noted that the editorial board talked about their goals. They would like articles on members' grandparents and great grandparents and why they came to New England. They would also like a job description done for every position necessary to put out the Genealogist.

Grants: Anne-Marie has spoken to Mike Melanson. Right now he is too busy to take on grant writing — perhaps in the fall.

Building: Ray Desfosses has developed a maintenance schedule for this building — including how to turn on (and off) the heating system. He explained the color coding scheme for the pipes. Pauline Cusson asked that Ray also put this in writing. Some discussion followed on cutting down the trees (in the front). Ray has installed 2 bulbs in the front entrance. The loam for fill (where the oil tank is) would cost \$8 to \$10 per yard (minimum of 10 yards). He noted that it didn't have to be done right away. A woman from Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) who was here to read the meter said she needs a key

to get in to read the meter, which is in the boiler room. No one wants to give PSNH a key, nor does anyone wish the meter be relocated outside. Bob Paquette asked if the librarians could be instructed to get the key for meter readers.

Publicity: [No report.]

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Roger Cassavant will do plaques for \$70 to \$120.

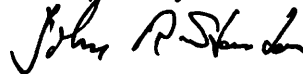
**NEW
BUSINESS**

Gerry Nash presented a mortgage plan for the Society (attached). His plan calls for a 15 year mortgage with payments of \$829.05 per month. Pauline Cusson moved that we consider this plan when we pay off the debt (building fund loan) we now have; Pauline Côté seconded. Roland Marchand said that it was too late in the evening to wisely discuss this item. It was suggested that this item and one about raising the dues be brought up early at the next meeting. The question was called. There were 2 ayes and 6 nays; motion failed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 21:48. Next regular meeting at the ACGS library beginning at 18:30 on Thursday 10 August 1995.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton
Recording Secretary