

ACGS
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
08 FEBRUARY 1996

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 08 February 1996 at the ACGS library. President Roger Lawrence called the meeting to order at 18:36.

ROLL CALL Lucille Lagassé was excused; Bob Neveux was absent. A quorum was present.

RECORDING
SECRETARY

(Notes of 11 January meeting): Corrections offered were: Bob Neveux was not excused; under Spring Conference, the names were Julien Olivier and Aurore Dion-Eton; and, under Special Item, only one sorter was sold to Gerry Lalonde for \$25. Notes, with these corrections will be filed.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Roger Lawrence questioned item 2.4. Pauline Cusson said this was to Jetté. Some question as to whether this should be called "other". It seemed to be agreed that Pauline would make another category. Item 4.9 is cash for a \$60 gift certificate. On item 7.2, much of this was from end of the year contributions. Bob Maurier questioned item 17.4. Item 17.5 represented a \$266 rebate (workman's comp) and a \$100 bill from the insurance company. New reader/printer is almost paid for. Report will be filed for audit.

SOCIETY
BUSINESS

Roger has estimates on electrical work. Outlets in 4 corners on 2nd floor; 2 on 3rd floor. Two estimates: \$5,280 (Lafrance) and \$1,909 (O'Keefe). Roger asked Ray Desfosses to try to get another estimate and he will ask the 2 previous bidders for reconsideration. Will need several outlets for banks of PCs and readers. Roger received a letter from Leo Fleury from Vermont who would like to perhaps start a new society or a chapter of ours.

Anne-Marie: Said the obit project is going well. Is looking for people to do indexing. We want to work on the 5-year plan for the Society. She would like to have an open meeting to seek ideas on where we should be in 5 years. We need to groom others to be officers, to be journal editor, etc. Are we going the way of being less Franco? She suggested using our goals in the trifold as a core for the discussion. Anne-Marie would like to hold these discussions as soon as possible. The notice will be posted in the library. Roland Marchand asked if after the spring conference would be too late. We can do 2 in March and one at the spring conference.

Roger said that Larry Autotte was still looking for a main speaker for the spring conference. He has Aurore Dion-Eton for 2 sessions. He doesn't have a telephone number for Colin Calloway. An individual named Gaboury could be considered. A trench had to be dug from the church property to ours — presumably for a pipe to drain their property to the sewer. Chalifour florist will be using a portion of our parking lot for cars on 13-14 Feb.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acquisitions: Bob Maurier said the month has been busy. He received an order for Kankakee County, IL. Next month he will meet with the library committee to decide what else to buy. Anne-Marie would like to buy dictionaries of Canadian biographies that we're missing. We also need fillers on New Hampshire vital records. Bob did not see these in the LDS catalog. [Jack Stanton will ask who microfilmed marriages and deaths from 1901 to 1937.] Some discussion as to us advertising ourselves on radio — we need a publicity person.

Inventory & Marketing: Roger reported on Bob Neveux' progress on keeping track of our sales. We are going to install intercom in the library. Anne-Marie thinks that we have too much in inventory — we have to sell it off.

Internet: Don Chaput said we're still averaging about 2 inquiries per day. We have gotten new members from this. Roger asked if any of the queries require research. Don is putting such requests to the Genealogist. Jim Belanger asked if the library could be open on a Thursday or a Sunday in June for a group he'd be bringing in. There seemed to be support for this if we can get librarians. Don distributed his draft of the Web page. He would like other CompuServe members to donate their one Megabyte allowance. Don pointed out that there is a conflict between the trifold and the bylaws regarding institutional dues.

Bylaws & Guidelines: Roger Lawrence said they both need review toward possible revision. Jack will look at the bylaws; Committee chairs should look at guidelines. Roger would like these by next month's meeting.

Research: Roger mentioned that Connie Hamel has been answering questions of a special nature — more so than Pauline Côté ever had time to do.

Publications: Roger said that Pauline Côté had been recording St George's baptisms. Infant Jesus' births are ready for her. Roland Marchand asked if there has been any progress on getting St Raphael's records. Roger said no. Some discussion as to expanding our vision to non-Franco churches.

Computers: Roland Marchand took all PCs out of hallway and put them upstairs. He's getting them prepped as needed for various people. Mary Anna

Paquette is coming in to help with Q&A. Roland would like to have a listing of all our resources on disk. On 19 Feb 96 there will be a computer committee meeting. Roland needs help fixing up PCs — a hardware person.

Membership: Judy Arseneault said that Michael sent out 118 renewals in February and 33 reminders - a relatively small month. We now wait 2 months instead of 3 to send reminders. Bob Maurier asked if the raising of dues has had any negative effect on renewals. Judy said it was too early to say.

Building: Ray Desfosses said that the boiler is working fine. Only 2 small plumbing leaks — he will fix when the weather gets warmer. We have a CO detector that Anne-Marie donated. Ray would like to have building blueprints. Pauline Cusson said they have not been successful in getting them. Gerry Nash said that the architect would have them. Pauline said that the architect was dead and that there appeared to be no way to get them. [NOTE: The blueprints apparently were located after the meeting adjourned.] (Mary Jean arrived at 20:20.)

Editorial: Anne-Marie said that # 67 is 10 days away from going to the printer. We are going to have the index for the past year. She would like to have a line drawing for the cover. Some question as to whether certain pictures can be copied because of copyright protection. Haven't had a meeting since # 66 — would like to have one soon.

Library: Mary Jean Colburn has discussed shelving and decided on the 12" ones. They will give the repertoires more support. Has written newsletter for librarians saying, among other things, that they should work with NH vitals and teach others to use them and to get replacements to cover when they cannot be here. Pauly Labbé said that Anne-Marie had donated assorted videos, e.g., Jean de Florette. We have a TV and VCR and we will use disposable earphones. They can also be rented out. Some discussion on new reader/copier. Roger would like to show others how to operate. Roger talked to someone who has a program to make large fan charts from GEDCOM files. Roland said there was a place in Hudson that sells used equipment and could sell us a plotter for, say, \$50. We need someone to change the software. Roland has tried the program outputting to 9 (in a 3x3 array) 11"x8.5" sheets. It also does pedigree charts. The person who made the program would sell it to us for ~\$200 plus a 50% cut of the profits we'd make. Some discussion as to whether we should be collecting GEDCOM files.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

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**NEW
BUSINESS**

Gerry Nash brought in a cookbook making project idea. He thought it would be good for fund raising. Anne-Marie seemed not too much in favor of it. She acknowledges that it may be a good money making idea, but that it was not the place of ACGS to solicit recipes and sell cookbooks. Don Chaput suggested that we assign an ad hoc committee to study the idea. Gerry said that he doesn't think that it could fly without the support of the editor of the Genealogist. Mary Jean suggested that perhaps we could undertake the project without using the Genealogist. Pauline noted that the Postmaster almost pulled an issue of the Genealogist because of the inclusion of an ad that was not related to genealogy. **Roland Marchand moved** that we consider the proposal's feasibility provided we could find a volunteer to make it happen; **Don Chaput seconded**; **carried 6 to 4.**

ADJOURNMENT

Don Chaput moved, Roland Marchand seconded. Adjourn 21:14. Next meeting, 14 March 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton
Recording Secretary