

ACGS
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
08 AUGUST 1996

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 08 August 1996 at the ACGS library. Vice-President Anne-Marie Perrault called the meeting to order at 18:40.

ROLL CALL Ray Desfosses and Lucille Lagassé, were excused. A quorum was present.

RECORDING
SECRETARY Some changes to the July 1996 notes were recommended. **Don Chaput moved** acceptance as amended; **Judy Arseneault seconded**; **motion carried**.

TREASURER'S
REPORT Don Chaput asked if we should consider spending any of the \$11K in checking. Pauline Cusson noted that we are planning to buy Massachusetts vitals and the American Canadian Genealogist will cost. She suggested that we could put \$3K on the loan. Gerry Nash asked if we could squeeze \$5K. Pauline Cusson suggested we do \$3K now and another payment later in the month when memberships come in. Roland Marchand suggested waiting until the end of the meeting to see if we were going to authorize additional expenditures. Don Chaput questioned item 12.9 (the -\$470.55); Pauline Cusson explained that this was a "rebate" from the last All New England Conference. Item 17.8 was income from the St John's dinner. Report will be filed for audit.

SOCIETY
BUSINESS President: Roger Lawrence is looking for input to things we should do for the 25th anniversary meeting. Turn in your job description if you haven't already. Discussion about use of a room downstairs. There is an individual who may be willing to fix it up for us. Could make an area where members could have their books for sale. We could set up a glass case.
V.P.: Anne-Marie Perrault distributed the results of a survey that had appeared in the American Canadian Genealogist. There were about 65 surveys completed. Consensus seemed to be that satisfaction level is reasonably high. Several people noted that we probably don't really need many new members as our volunteers are spread thinly enough now. More members could mean a requirement for more services. Many suggested more repertoires. Most said refurbish the building as it is needed. Most did not want short monthly meetings. Several thought that we should go to one meeting per year. Regarding seeking endowments and grants, many cautioned concerning "strings". There was a suggestion that we tack a percentage onto our charges to "endow" ourselves.

Members like the types of books we sell.

COMMITTEE **REPORTS**

Research: [No report.]

Publications: Anne-Marie Perrault reported that Pauline Côté has started to input Winooski.

Computers: Roland Marchand said we have the New England HisGen CDs of the Register. They really require a 486 — too slow on 386s. Gerry Nash has given us the latest social security diskettes. There is a form that can be printed out so that records can be asked for (with father's name and mother's maiden name). Joe Turnbull — would it be worth having him in to help us with PC upgrades? Also Ron Niquette is between jobs and may do this for free. Bob Descoteaux has given us a 400 or 500 MB hard drive and a mouse. There are 125 GEDCOMs on the Acadian CD — we need much disk space to use these. Considerable discussion about converting GEDCOM files and the amount of room they take. Roland Marchand proposed that we buy the 3 Family Tree Maker CDs. Roger Lawrence noted that there are 7,000 pedigrees on each CD. Cost is about \$30 per CD. **Roland Marchand moved** that we buy Family Tree Maker program and the data CDs; **Bob Neveux seconded; motion carried.** Roland Marchand or Bob Neveux will purchase.

Membership: Judy Arseneault reported that we had 230 due for renewals this month, 122 renewals, and 32 new members.

Building: Roger Lawrence is trying to get hold of Bob Rheault concerning fill we need, but hasn't been able to thus far.

Editorial: Anne-Marie Perrault reminded us about the Gunstock conference this weekend. Josée Vachon will be there and there will be an Acadian band, storytelling, and woodcarving. There will be a boat ride on the Doris E. available. The Conference opens at 11:00 on Saturday. The next issue of the American Canadian Genealogist is being proofread. Anne-Marie Perrault suggested that the editorial board defer its next meeting.

Library: Pauly Labbe said that there would be an informal gathering of librarians on 08 September 13:00 to 15:00. She asked if various members of the board could come in to coach in their respective fields. Anne-Marie Perrault suggested that each board member should volunteer as a librarian at least once a month. Pauline Cusson noted that we really need more than one person on duty at all times. Anne-Marie Perrault also thought that all board members should be present for conferences.

Acquisitions: Bob Maurier did hear from Massachusetts archives, but has not yet been able to contact Mr Comeau. There are about 25 repertoires to buy. He

also noted that there are some family genealogies to buy. Also available as some volumes of "Nos Ancêtres". This represents about \$1,000 worth of books. There are 104 reels of L'Avenir National that we can purchase. These newspapers are not indexed so there was some question as to their worth to us. Bob Maurier said that we would have a limited audience for these films. Anne-Marie Perrault suggested that we attempt to raise money to buy these. Pauly Labbe asked if it would tie up the readers. (Most thought that it would.)

Inventory/Marketing: Bob Neveux distributed a graph showing sales of publications. Compared to last year, these summer months have been good. Best sellers are the Jettés. Bob Neveux would like more copies. We can take orders if we run out; Gerry Nash will be going to Canada in November. Hats and visors have been selling well.

Internet: Don Chaput reported that we're still running about 2 queries per day. He distributed a story that Laura Bradley had written and a blurb on E-mail directories. [

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anne-Marie Perrault said that the Sherbrooke society will be here on labor day weekend. We will have displays here at the library in the center aisle. There will be no guest fees that weekend. Some discussion on whether to leave PCs on or off when leaving. Bob Maurier asked, speaking of energy conservation, if there were any thoughts on turning the heat down during the winter. Bob Neveux asked why we have to move upstairs. Could we not use it only for storage? There were divided opinions as to who is for and who is against moving upstairs. Don Chaput noted that the new trifold has an error in one aspect of membership fees — relating to institutional membership. Pauly Labbe asked about the manufacturer's rep who was supposed to come in to look at the bumps in our rug. Fall Conference: Anne-Marie Perrault reported that Claire Quintal is going to speak on her new book on why French Canadians came to New England. Fr Melvin Surette is going to speak on some aspects of Acadia. André Sénécal from the University of Vermont is going to speak on the French in the Champlain valley. Flyer should go out next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Roland Marchand asked if we had come to a decision on how much to pay on the loan. It appears that the original plan of paying \$3,000 now and more later is the way to go. Pauline Cusson noted that purchase orders are now necessary for most purchases. She received few requests for long term supplies. Bob Neveux asked if we could have an extension to get wish lists in. Discussion on having a coin copy machine. It will cost us nothing, and it will profit us nothing. Don Chaput said that in four months we lost over \$700 in copies that were not paid for. Gerry Nash feels that we should have our own copier fitted with a coin machine. Anne-Marie Perrault talked about the Persi Index company. They would like to index our American Canadian Genealogist. Are we willing to give

them a full set of the Genealogist? Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne Indiana) adds each index to its database. We could get free publicity from this. Roland Marchand will research this on the net. Don Chaput distributed a copy of proposed legislation to allow affinity group license plates. We'll discuss this at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting disintegrated at 21:09 -- next meeting 12 September 1996 18:30.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary