

**AMERICAN CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

October 21, 2006

President Pauline Cusson called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Muriel Normand, recording secretary, read minutes of last year's meeting.

Motion to approve by Gerry Lalonde, 2nd . Approved as presented.

Several members requested that a Board summary of minutes be placed on our website as well as posted on a regular basis.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Accomplishments FY06:

- *All-Some of our repertoires are now on CD and being sold at half the cost of the paper copy, As the requests for some of our newer reps decreases, they will also be offered.*
- Holdings are listed on website.
- Marketing mailings have netted us app. \$3000 in library purchases.
- Spring flooding problems have been addressed and we now have a sump on the drain outside the back door and the walkway raised to drain water out to the street. Herb Boyce and Charlie Martel as well as many others were commended for their efforts in bailing us out!
- Set up booths at the "How to" fair in Manchester, the FGS conference in Boston and next weekend at the Deerfield fair.
- Pauline, Connie and Al Hamel have served as speakers at various societies.
- We will have representation on the NH group focusing on Quebec 400.

Other topics presented and discussed:

- **Volunteers:** continue to have a problem staffing with librarians, research assistants not problematical.
- **Membership:** numbers continue to decrease by 70 or so. We have 2186 members, 800 from New Hampshire and 400 from Massachusetts.
- **Publications:**
 - We are up to RP 101 and many more awaiting proofing.
 - We are in the process of changing our bindery *one similar* to that used by Vermont French ~~since it is less costly and a better product, as we are looking a one step printing and binding process.~~ Will probably continue to use Kinko for reprints.
- **Drouin images:** Most of our distant clients prefer to use the Research department option rather than the Drouin team, and both will continue to be offered.
- **Research:** revenues are steady and most of the requests involve brick walls, which net us better revenue. The Drouin's are useful in dealing with these as well as personal members joining Ancestry.com and other websites that can assist our clients.
- **Finance:**

- Drouin donations have leveled off, we have paid app. \$43,000 in principal and interest this year.
- Total income rounded out was \$120,000, expenses \$90,000 for a profit of \$30,000.
- **Nominating Committee:** Gerry Lalonde presented the following slate
 - President: Gerard Savard*
 - Vice President: Robert Paquette*
 - Treasurer: Pauline Cusson*
 - Corresponding Secretary: Mary Jeanne Chaput*
 - Recording Secretary: Muriel Normand*
 - Directors: Julie Smith*
 - Constance Hebert*
 - Jackie Watson*
 - Anne Gleason*

There were no nominations from the floor and the ballot was moved by Connie Hamel, 2nd Nelson Disco and unanimously passed.

David Bonatibus commended the organization and requested members to volunteer to assist publications by proof reading and data entry. There continue to be a back load of parishes awaiting these services.

Tom Bouffard commented on a situation where a volunteer was willing to come in on short notice and cover a vacancy as he lived close by and preferred to do this than to sign up on a regular basis. There was general support for anyone willing to serve as librarian.

There were also several requests to return the fall conference to its regular outside speaker format.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Normand
Recording secretary

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October 2005

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