

ACGS Board of Directors Meeting

15 Nov 2008

Call to order 10:10 a.m.

Present: Loretta Leaf, Gerry Savard, Pauline Cusson, Dan Champagne, Denis Joyal, Constance Hebert, Jackie Watson, Anne Gleason, John Cook, Julie Smith, Jim Gaudet, Muriel Normand, Jeanne Boisvert

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Recording Secretary:

Minutes of the meeting reviewed. Motion to approve as corrected by Jim , second Constance.

Treasurer's Report:

Income is down, Membership is down. The heating bills were put on a budget. In light of the economy we must be careful on spending.

Report filed for Audit

President Report: Gerry said he was contacted by Lucie to let us know that the Fitchburg Genealogy Society may be closing.

Correspondence: Report not sent

Membership: A referral program was introduced:

If a member refers one person they get one month added to their membership

If a member refers two people they get three months added to their membership

If a member refers three people they get six months added to their membership

A poster can be set up in the library on a trial basis. Pauline will do the wording and Jim will take it to Kinko .

It was agreed that we should distribute our pamphlets in libraries and other public areas of New Hampshire.

Gerry will electronically send everyone a copy of the pamphlet we send to new members so everyone can look it over and make changes, additions or deletions.

Pamphlet can be made generic so they can distribute with our new application forms. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Library Board: Electronic

Computer: Electronic

Publications: Electronic

Shipping/Mailing: Electronic,

New York books not moving.

#103 & 105 now in soft covers and are reprints this change will be made in the Genealogist.

Web site and Catalogue will reflect increase in postage. Mostly due to Canadian mailings; 20% for foreign + \$10.00 insurance fee. Canadian orders of \$500 will still pay the ins. fee. Jim will look into getting the lowest number of publications we can order at the current rate to save on \$. Will try to slow down on publications to save money.

Acquisitions: Acquire as much new SGCE. Sherbrook purchased 39 books in exchange for CD's at cost, added \$60. They are not bound, need to be bound, and will get a bulk rate to bind. Pauline can pick them up if Bridgeport is open to save on mailing. Mary Anna will call to get bulk rate.

Building /Grounds: Furnace was out for a limited time due to outside power outages, furnace probably had to reset.

Discussion on having wireless access at the library, need routers. Users must not be able to access our Drouin and files. This availability may increase patrons to the library.

Pauline will give the publisher the go ahead with publication of 5000 new application forms.

Road Shows: Jim will put together a "Package" presentation to make available to anyone who represents ACGS at shows.

BMS2000: Discussion and agreement to purchase 10,000 hits for \$300. Need to put together a step by step list on how to use it. It can be put on any computers.

Motion made by Constance to purchase for \$300 BMS, seconded by Julie & Anne Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal made to allow NEHGS to index our repertoires and put on line, on their site. They would give us their index, name, event, where it can be found, book and page. You would have to be a NEHGS member to get this data. NEHGS would have to purchase any missing repertoires. Their web site will state that to purchase any reps go to ACGS. Will this violate any agreement we have with the churches?.

Motion made by Julie that we go ahead with letting NEHGS index our repertoires with name/book/page in those repertoires, pending review of the contract to put it on their website. Seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

They have approximately 35 repertoires; they would have to purchase about 63 repertoires for approx \$4000. Any hard cover book they buy they will pay the list price. Those that are in paperback would have to get bound we can give them a price break to be determined later. A motion can be made and voted on electronically on this matter.

They would like a CD on what we have available. It was suggested to give them the CD as a complementary gesture for their research. The contract should state that these CD's cannot be duplicated and must be used for their research department.

Motion made by Julie that we lower the cost of using the Drouin files from \$5/hr. to \$1/hr for members and \$2/hr for non-members effective Dec. 1, 2008. This should be put on the website. Seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

It was suggested that we give Vermont the Croteau books. Pauline/Muriel will check with them to see if they are interested

_Motion made by Jim Gaudet to give Vermont the Croteau books that they don't have. Seconded by Muriel. Motion carried.

_Meeting adjourn 12:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Muriel seconded by Lorette.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanno Boisvert

Recording Secretary