

ACGS Board of Directors Meeting

19 April, 2009

Call to order 10:05 a.m.

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

Excused: Julie Smith

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Presidents Report: Gerry reported a couple of large orders from the DAR and several other smaller but significant sales. He also reported that our NERGC workshop is up to about 50 people.

Recording Secretary:

Minutes of the meeting reviewed. Motion made by Denis, seconded by Jackie

Treasurer's Report:

It was brought up that 4600 for conference S/B 0 instead of \$320. Pauline will make the correction. Discussion made on the comparison of heating bills, by BTU, with last year, to evaluate the savings since the installation of new windows. Pauline also reported that on the Croteau's a check used to be issued to the Seminary Fund but it was never cashed. A check has not been issued in the last 2 years. Discussion followed on whether we can replicate these books and offer them on CD, as the originals are getting fragile. We will have to look into (copy write) *one word* laws and copying repertoires? Report filed for Audit

Correspondence: Electronic

Membership: Electronic: Jeanne reported that she inadvertently added \$5.00 to the membership increase to Canadian members. It should be \$40 and will advise Michael to change the labels to reflect that cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shipping/Mailing: Electronic

Publications: None

Acquisition: None

Building/Grounds: It was decided that we need move ahead with solving the water problem. Herb will be consulted on getting 2 quotes: 1- quote for the price of a bigger tank & 2. To take a look at the water situation on

the front of the building and the best way to remove the water when flooding occurs. It was agreed to postpone indefinitely the project to drop the ceilings as savings may take 20 years to recoup.

Computer: Electronic A discussion on the number of surnames that have been Americanized from the original French led to a suggestion that we list some of these names periodically on our web site. It may show some of our web site viewers that they may have French-Canadian ancestors and it may possibly increase our membership and/or Research request. It was also suggested that we offer a **Book of the Month** sale on our web site, especially for those books that are not selling well here but may be of interest in other parts of the country.

Research Services: Electronic

Library: Electronic: It was suggested that the library guidelines, posted near the librarian's desk be put on a printed page and handed out to guest and new members when they visit the library. Also Jeanne inquired how the printout of the Library holdings was coming along and Gerry said he would pass it to Mary Anna. Jeanne suggested that the pages of the library guidelines and the Library holdings could be used as a packet to help new & old members and guests.

NERGC:

It was decided that we would use our three tables in this manner: one for Drouin images, one for publications/sales and the last for membership. Hotel will provide a shuttle to those who wish to visit our library. Volunteers have been assigned to cover the library, the booth, and all is in place to have a good turnout. Muriel has sent her team names of those who requested assistance in searching for their ancestors. Each member of the team will be given 3-4 people to assist on the Wed. of the workshop.

Old Business:

Due to NERGC the membership brochure is postponed until next month's meeting.

NEHGS Database is 99% complete. Once it's on the website they will name us, ACGS, and there should be approximately 700,000 records.

Rental Contract with the State of NH is done, the only issue is Insurance and Pauline will check on our liability. We should not have to increase our insurance.

Motion to adjourn by Jackie seconded by Anne.

Meeting adjourn 12:45

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne Boisvert

Recording Secretary