

# ACGS Board of Directors Meeting

17 May, 2009

Call to order 10:15 a.m.

Present: Gerry Savard, Pauline Cusson, Dan Champagne, Denis Joyal, Constance Hebert, John Cook, Julie Smith, Jim Gaudet, Jeanne Boisvert, Lorette Leafe

Excused: Muriel Normand, Anne Gleason, Jackie Watson

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

### **Recording Secretary:**

Minutes of the meeting reviewed. Motion made to accept by Jim and seconded by Denis

### **Treasurer's Report:** Electronic

Pauline reported that she received a check for the 2 workshops from NERGC in the amount of \$650.00. Gerry asked if we should ask for a fee when a member is asked to speak in behalf of ACGS. Discussion ensued and it was discussed about establishing a stipend of \$50.00 for speakers and/or suggested a donation is made. It was agreed that a suggestion of a donation be made to ACGS Report. filed for Audit

### **Correspondence:** Electronic,

Lorette reported that she added building fund to her report as she had received donations.

### **Membership:** Electronic

Pauline showed the board an example of a brochure from another society and the final product for our brochure continues.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Shipping/Mailing:** Electronic, Jim reported that we have had several orders generated by the letters from Muriel's mailing. Jim also reported his concern about the large orders that John Trudel has made. John is affiliated with Your Folks website. Our concern is that they will put our repertoires on line when we promised churches we would not put it on the internet. Gerry said he spoke to John in the past and that he is aware of this. After discussion it was determined that we cannot stop him, if that is his intention, there are ways to get around it. We have no way of knowing what his intentions are. It was suggested that a letter and/or e-mail be sent to him as a reminder, and also to establish a paper trail in case we need it later. Gerry said he will e-mail John.

**Publications:** None, Gerry reported that Sacred-Heart, Holyoke, MA is ready and also St-John Evangelist of Concord is ready for press.

**Acquisition:** None

**Building/Grounds:** Herb was asked to get prices for solving the water problem discussed last month. It was reported that the chair lift was inspected.

**Computer:** Electronic, Gerry reported we are now wireless. It was decided that librarians are not responsible to log anybody on. We have to assume people will know how to do it themselves.

**Research Services:** Electronic

**Web Site:** Electronic

**Library:** Electronic

A lengthy discussion ensued on the policy of allowing guests to bring bags, including purses, backpacks, tote bags etc. After much discussion it was decided to keep the policy as is. Librarian should continue suggest our guest use the lockers.

## **Old Business:**

**Rental contract with the State of NH** Pauline has the contract and reported that the liability is not as high as originally expected. They need to pass 2 more boards before contract can be finalized. They requested a Certificate of Authority, which allows our treasurer to enter into this agreement. Pauline typed up a certificate and it signed by Jeanne, Recording Secretary and notarized by Jim Gaudet.

**Fall Conference:** Gerry will speak with Lucie about speaking at the conference along with Maureen Taylor and Malindy Sanborn. It was suggested that once we establish the speakers, we can put their bio and a registration form in the next journal. And we can repeat it in the last journal before the conference. The speaker fee will be \$200 plus mileage & dinner. The conference will be held on Sept 26, 2009. The charge was set at \$30.00 for early registration made by Sept 21, and \$35.00 for registration at the door.

**Reprints :** A discussion on the use of Kinko for spiral binding with plastic covers due to it being more economical.

## **New Business:**

**Tree of Life:** It was brought to the board's attention that there were 6 members who, since 2000, had donated from \$500 to \$1700. It was suggested that we offer these members a leaf on our Tree of Life. There would be one gold and 5 silver leaves. Gerry offered to send a letter to these members and offer them the opportunity to add a leaf, requesting a reply by July/2009.

**Motion made to make these 6 members an offer to the Tree of Life by Julie and seconded by Constance.**

Gerry asked if we would consider participating at the People Fest in August at Veteran's Park. There is a \$75 cost for a table, for this one day event. Gerry reported that there was a good turnout last year. It was agreed that we would participate and we will have to get volunteers and check into getting a tent in case of heat and/or rain.

Julie Smith volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee for the Fall Conference.

Motion to adjourn by Julie seconded by Jim

Meeting adjourn 12:50

Respectfully submitted:

*Jeanne Boisvert*

Recording Secretary

Certificate of Authority

This certificate further extends the authority of the Treasurer of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society [ACGS] to enter into an agreement of lease with the State Library of New Hampshire for book depository space in the basement of 4 Elm Street in Manchester, NH. The Treasurer is further authorized to sign said lease on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Approved by vote of the Board of Directors, May 17, 2009

*Jeanne M. Boisvert*  
Jeanne Boisvert, Recording Secretary

*5/17/09*  
Date

BEFORE ME: STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Notarized: *James R. Gaudet*  
Justice of the Peace

HILLSBOROUGH, SS.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
FEB 10, 2012