

Morris Area Genealogy Society

Executive Board Meeting
January 4, 1989

L. Foster called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. in the Treasurer's Room of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township.

Reports from Officers

President-Lyn Foster

The Heritage Quest Road Show was discussed. Last fall Lyn and a few members of the Society attended the show to see if this activity would be of value to the Society. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the group present, that the Society would not try to sponsor such an activity.

Treasurer's Report/Membership-Janet Harman

There are 145 members in the Society. The balance as of this date was \$1425.77. A suggestion was made that Janet open all the mail and then see to its dispersion.

Committee Reports

Publicity-Betsy Robinson

Newsletters were mailed to 40 area libraries. Additional copies had to be made. Discussion followed concerning whether newsletters should be mailed to Libraries, Historical Societies, etc. Should these different groups have an institutional membership or receive the newsletter as a gift was discussed. Further research is needed to decide this issue. There was a short discussion concerning the stationery for the organization.

Newsletter-Sharon Holley

An updated number is needed to insure enough Newsletters are prepared.

Research-Joan Hantel

As of this date only one inquiry has been received.

Other Business

M. Harris presented several items for discussion.

1. The Genealogy Society of New Jersey recently met at the library. She was concerned that no one from our group was there to welcome them.
2. There must be a registration of Tax exempt and Charitable Organizations. She will learn more about this.
3. The paper for her gleanings is on backorder.
4. A suggestion was made as to how we may influence the book buying in the Local History Department of the library. Perhaps a study of how ancestors migrated be set up to determine what books should

be purchased. Discussion followed. The general consensus of the group was that Marion should go ahead with the "Migration Study" on her own.

5. A brief presentation on Optical Scanners was given. This new technology combined with the right computer can do "wonders" in assembling indexed data.

New Business

The Annual meeting is to be held on April 11, 1989. Officers will be elected at this time.

A suggestions of Lyn about the purchase of tapes from the summer meeting at NEHGS in Boston was discussed. There is a list from which to choose.

Discussion about Mr. Bob Searing who wishes us to sponsor his seminar on getting ready to research ancestors abroad. Lyn will write or telephone him for more information.

Discussion concerning a beginners Workshop in the future. It would be a short "one-shot" deal, perhaps limited to 10 people.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Melda B. H. Shippey
Acting Recording Secretary