

Morris Area Genealogy Society
Executive Board Meeting
August 25, 1992

Present: Joan Armour, Betty Culbertson, Ruth Daniels, Diane Dellicker, Kevin Elliott, Ruth Grimm, Jan Huth, Lorraine Kemble, and John Ware.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President, Joan Armour, in the meeting room of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township.

Members were asked by Joan to introduce themselves along with their corresponding positions.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Corresponding Secretary. The minutes were approved as read with one correction: the church which she agreed to investigate was the Presbyterian rather than St. Peter's.

Corresponding Sec'y, Jan Huth, reported that there was no correspondence to be read at this time. Joan had received a thank you note from the Library staff which she read. This was for the fruit basket which had been given to them.

Kevin Elliott, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$2,909.05 with \$1,120.00 in dues received during July and August.

Hospitality Chairperson, Ruth Grimm, stated that people had been wonderful about helping and she is always glad for extra help. It was suggested that she ask for extra volunteers for the Christmas party.

Interest Groups Chairperson, Ruth Ware, was unable to attend the meeting but a report was presented by John Ware. Members were asked for suggestions re: the flyer to be presented at the membership meeting. She plans to add wording to denote that these groups will be for members only. Discussion was held as to whether groups should be lumped together. It was decided not to at this time. Numerous suggestions were made regarding a means of identifying members with some sort of code for a surname list. It was concluded that more discussion is needed. Joan had a request from the Library of Congress for a list of members. This will be discussed at the next general meeting with a volunteer sign up sheet for members who wish to be included.

On Saturday, October 10th, a seminar for beginners will be held. It is planned to take 12 members at a time and that persons must be real beginners. This will be announced at the September meeting.

Betty Culbertson is Chairperson for the new location committee. No definite decisions have been made. Some suggestions were: writing to the Masonic Temple, and possibly the Columbia Club, the old theater (fixed up) and G. Washington School. The auditorium of Washington's Headquarters was mentioned with a question of adequate parking. It was felt that the committee needs to meet again.

Diana Cheng is leaving the History Department and will be in Technical Services. A card will be sent to her from the Board. The librarians have asked if MAGS would like to make up an exhibit for the library showcase some time in the future. It was noted that this might be good publicity but no specific plans were made.

Lorraine Kemble noted that the Newsletter is ready for mailing. She will be unable to be there but Joan and John volunteered to assist the committee. The flier listing this year's programs will be included. Two suggestions were made for programs for open dates--one on computers and another on court house records. It was noted that it might be in order to raise dues because of increased costs.

Publicity Chairperson, Betsy Robinson, is leaving for France but she has sent out fliers and put calendars in the History Room.

A new Research Chairperson is needed. Betty Culbertson, who has devoted much time to this, stated that she will continue through September but would like a replacement. Joan will try to find one.

The library is seeking a commitment before December that we will pay the promised amount toward the 1920 Census. The Library will pay half of the total amount. It was agreed that Kevin will pay \$1,200.00 now and the same amount at a later date.

Marion Harris has a friend who would like to join the Society and would like back issues of the Newsletter. It was decided that there would be a \$2.50 charge for each issue. Rutgers is also interested in obtaining back issues and the corresponding secretary was asked to contact the librarian.

Monmouth County Genealogy Club has a proclamation from the Freeholders declaring October as Historical Month and asked if our club would consider something similar. It was decided to turn this matter over to Marion Harris.

NEXUS is interested having a postage stamp devoted to genealogy. Details will be listed on a handout to be on the back table at the next regular meeting.

The next Board meeting is planned for January 26, 1993. The present meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. Huth
Secretary pro tem