

*Jan Huth*

Morris Area Genealogy Society  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 26, 1993

Present: Joan Armour, Lorraine Kemble, Ruth Ware, Jan Huth, Kevin Elliott, John Ware, Diane Dellicker, Claire Kissel, Ruth Grimm, Ruth Daniels, Betsy Robinson, Alice Min and Helen Wolf.

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Armour at 7:00 P.M. in the Treasure room of the Joint Free Library of Morristown and Morris Township.

Joan introduced the two new members of the Board, Alice Min, Research, and Helen Wolf, Publicity.

The minutes of the last Board meeting on August 25, 1992, were read and approved with one small correction -- clarifying that Kevin Elliott's contribution of \$1200 to the library was as treasurer of the Morris Area Genealogy Society.

Kevin reported a balance of \$1043.02 in the treasury. He also said our membership is comprised of 173 members from New Jersey, 11 from California, 8 from Ohio and a total of 27 states are represented.

There was a discussion about new members who join late in the year but will still receive all copies of the newsletter for the current year. Kevin raised the question of membership dues for Canadians due to problems raised by bank charges and exchange rates for Canadian checks. It was decided to put a notice in the newsletter and on new membership forms to the effect that the new rate for Canadian members will be \$15 (U.S.) or \$20 (Canadian).

Jan Huth reported sending copies of the newsletter to Rutgers Alexander Library in New Brunswick and the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. She was instructed to continue sending the newsletter to two "courtesy members". She has received information that a 9-digit zip code would result in lower postal rates, but since it will take time to get this information for all members, this will be handled later. She mentioned that "Inc." should be added to our membership cards which may be obtained on request to the treasurer. Exchange Journals will be sent first to Marion Harris for her to obtain excerpts for "Gleanings" and then given to Local History for filing. There was discussion about which journals should be accepted and was decided to review and accept on a one to one basis.

Ruth Ware reported there is no new information regarding the Interest groups but said most groups will meet in February.

Lorraine Kemble discussed a possible computer program for the March meeting but it was decided to postpone it until

September. She said that Lyn Foster has volunteered to speak on Morris County Courthouse records for the March meeting. John Cunningham is willing to speak in April on "The Connection between Geanealogy and History. His fee will be \$100 to be donated to the Morristown library.

Joan asked Betsy Robinson for the publicity report who said that has been turned over to Helen Wolf. However, she announced that the second beginners' workshop will be held on February 27 from 10:00 A.M. to about 1:00 or 1:30 P.M. and the overhead projector will be used. She thanked Claire Kissel for copying material to be used for packets for the class. She also suggested that the March flyer carry a notice regarding the annual meeting in April. The information on the masthead of the newsletter needs updating regarding names and positions held in the society. Research needs to be done on a source of paper for membership forms.

Alice Min, Research, reported receiving three letters which are in process of being answered.

Joan has appointed Diane Dellicker and Barbara Davidson to the Nominating committee and will name one more person. She said that the State of New Jersey must be notified that Claire Kissel's name is to be substituted for Lyn Foster's on the Annual Report and Kevin will handle this.

Since our attendance has not been as large the past few months and members like the convenience of being able to do research before our meetings, we will continue to meet in the library and not seek a new location for the present.

The February meeting will mark our fifth anniversary and Joan said the original five founders are still members. Lyn Foster will give a brief history of the society at this meeting and it was suggested we have a birthday cake for refreshments.

When the question of a gift to the library was raised, Claire said that two items on the library's "wish list" were the 1860 Index for the Pennsylvania Census and the additional New York City Directory on fiche. She will check on prices for these items.

The question of raising dues was brought up since our treasury is becoming depleted and expenses are increasing. It was decided to raise single dues to \$15 and \$20 for family. Accordingly, the rates changed earlier for Canada were rescinded and those rates approved for \$20 (U.S.) and \$28 (Canadian).

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Ware, Corresponding Secretary