

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 26, 1994

The Board meeting was held at the home of Claire Kissil in Morristown. The following were present: Barbara Davidson, Diane Dellicker, Kevin Elliott, Bill Graves, Ruth Grimm, Jan Huth, Claire Kissil, Alice Min and Ruth Ware.

Barbara opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. She thanked everyone for coming and explained why several were unable to attend. The Board list was checked for accuracy for names and addresses. She said Peg Kolacz volunteered at the September meeting to do research but would prefer not to handle the queries.

Minutes of the last Board meeting held in June were approved as read.

Treasurer Bill Graves reported two additional deposits amounting to \$80 above the balance on hand as of September 13. Barbara said we had agreed to pay Grace Church in Madison the sum of \$35 per month and authorized Bill to write the checks which will be designated as "rent." Bill has received several duplications of dues payments and a discussion followed about how these should be handled as well as the matter of sending copies of the Newsletter past September if dues have not been paid by then. A decision was made for Claire to send reminder letters for unpaid memberships, probably in early October.

Alice made the suggestion that we plan a workshop for a computer genealogy program, with Board members providing lap-top computers and any genealogy programs such as BROTHER'S KEEPTER, PAF and PEDIGREE and several others. It would likely held on a Saturday in the spring when arrangements and reservations can be planned. The possibility of organizing a computer interest group was also discussed since it has become obvious that many members are already using a program or are interested in learning how to go about it.

Alice said that Helen Wolf will introduce the speaker at the October meeting since she will not be able to attend.

Kevin stressed the importance of everyone filling out an interest form so he can organize groups for the areas most requested.

Ruth Grimm said the hospitality facilities at the church for the September meeting were very good and the "kitty" on the table is helping pay expenses.

Diane mentioned that she talks quite regularly to Joan Armour via computer and said she is well and busy.

Claire said work is progressing on the library renovations and the roof is the next stage. Contractors say the work should

be completed by Thanksgiving.

Jan asked Claire about the availability of membership forms at the library and Bill asked about envelopes. Claire said she is usually at the library Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will show the Board members where the Society's supplies are kept.

Alice asked Bill to prepare a check for \$25 for John Sass who will speak in October and one for \$75 for Stephen Conte in November.

Kevin pointed out the importance of people joining historical organizations in connection with their genealogy research, such as the DAR. The membership of these societies is dwindling and many provide invaluable sources for finding family records. Barbara reminded us that this would be very apropos since October is Family History Month.

Alice requested an announcement be made at the next meeting that donations are needed for the raffle at the holiday party in December and would like to be notified about these items.

A member from Canada has been sending frequent and lengthy handwritten queries which aren't clear and not suitable for inclusion in the Newsletter in their present form. Barbara volunteered to write her and suggest that her material be submitted in typed form as an article for the Newsletter since she seems to have a quantity of information about relatives in this area.

Claire said that in the case of inclement weather, the library would be closing and most likely our meeting would also be postponed at the church in Madison, so calls can be made to the library for information as in the past.

Barbara said we would be notified about the next Board meeting and the meeting closed at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ware  
Secretary pro tem