

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
Executive Board Meeting
June 2, 1996

Present: Eleanor Casagrand, Barbara Davidson, Kevin Elliott, Ruth Grimm, Bogert Holly, Jan Huth, Claire Kissil, Ann Rodda, Regina Springer, Ruth Ware, and Lois Weis.

Bogert Holly, President, opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. in the Treasure Room. Since this was the first meeting with new officers present, introductions were made around the table.

A gift membership in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society was given to Barbara Davidson as a thank-you for all her efforts as President.

Barbara had a wrap-up of old business and mentioned that a letter of thanks was sent to Franklin Tucker re: the Salmon Family gift.

The December general meeting will be held a week earlier because of a conflict with another program being held at the library.

John Sass will do new acquisitions this year. A person is needed for publicity: fliers re: the next meeting, programs for the year, notices to the newspapers, etc. Helen Wolf and Julia previously took care of this.

Ideas for future activities: Barbara Davidson suggested a trip to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Travel could be by bus (capacity 47) or vans. Time might be for late fall or early spring. Bogert and Barbara will work on this.

Another project: Genealogy course for members and non-members. First a genealogy intro. and then specifics. Bogert will get together with Lynn Foster, Regina Springer also volunteered to assist. Kevin will help with county surrogate records and computer. There was a discussion of County Courthouse records. A WPA index should be available.

Bogert also suggested a trip to Van Varig St and 42nd St. Library. He mentioned he could take some members there by train.

Jan suggested that we have a display of exchange bulletins so they would be made more aware to users. They are kept cataloged in the library.

Other Business: Reports

Jan Huth: all programs for the year are set, except for April and May.

Eleanor Casagrand: Information for the Fall Newsletter is needed by Aug 1st.

Claire Kissil: Membership questions: June begins membership. September newsletter -get, even if not renewed. October-flyer re: want to renew?, then drop if membership not paid. Should continue this way? Maybe before dropping, send a thank you for membership. In Fall, plan such a response.

Kevin Elliott: Gave the treas. report (\$1030.23 balance) then turned materials over to Ann Rodda. Question whether one signature or two is needed. Check with 1st Morris Bank for any restrictions.

Ruth Grimm: She has many volunteer helpers. -plans already in place.

Bogert Holly: Will get By-Laws and job descriptions copied.

Question by Jan. What happens if the speaker is a "no Show". Let's try to have a reserve program in mind for emergencies.

Kevin: suggested that we might try to videotape programs. Look into this idea, of course, the speaker should be asked if he is agreeable.

Claire thanked MAGS for the fruit basket sent to the library staff, it was thoroughly enjoyed.

Bogert concluded the meeting at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively planned for August 25th.

Respectfully submitted
Lois Weis
Recording Secretary