

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
Executive Board Meeting
April 28, 1997

Present: Joyce Barr, Eleanor Casagrand, Ruth Grimm, Bogert Holly, Lyn Foster, Anne Rodda, Regina Springer, Claire Kissil.

President Bogert Holly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting room of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township. Bogert read his annual report as president of the society. This witty and factual account was enjoyed and approved by all present. Regina Springer reported on her work this year as corresponding secretary. The rest of us were reminded that all reports must be given to Bogert so that he can have them photocopied and ready for distribution at the Meeting on May 13th.

Anne Rodda reported that the balance in the treasury is \$3,545.07. In her annual report, Anne will break down the number of new members we gained from the genealogy course and the actual income from the course as well as expenses incurred.

Joyce Barr, the historian reported that she has given over to the library two notebooks of historians records for the society. These records cover the period 1988 through 1996.

Eleanor Casagrand noted that all is going well with the newsletter. She will try to indicate in the next issue that the newsletter is indexed in the Periodical Source Index (Persi). This is the index prepared by the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department.

Ruth Grimm told us that she is trying to expand the menu of the refreshments provided at meetings. She also expressed her gratitude for the very positive response to the voluntary contribution basket that helps defray the costs for refreshments.

Bogert updated the board on the latest trips to various genealogical libraries and repositories in New York city. He suggested that we continue the trips next year, but that we formalize them, so that more members can take advantage of such trips. Regina will prepare a check-off sheet of various New York institutions with some suggestion as to what can be found there. Hopefully this will help members in signing up and facilitate the organization of such trips.

Bogert announced that tonight is the last night of the beginners' genealogy course (due to a snowstorm on March 31st). He has prepared certificates for each participant. There will be two workshops given in the Fall by Lyn Foster and Spencer Klein. These will be for members only. Three people have already signed up for the next beginner course planned for next Spring.

Bogert also suggested we try to set up a table at various historical and genealogical fairs next year. All agreed we should look into the fees and other ramifications involved in this type of participation.

Lesley Douthwaite, director of the Local History and Genealogy Department, came to talk to the board about possible suggestions for our annual gift to the library. She reminded us that there are four microfilm/fiche reader-printers in the department. All are covered by maintenance contracts. However the two older "503" machines now desperately need parts that are not covered on those maintenance contracts. These parts are an Imaging Unit for each machine and in addition, a P.M. kit for one machine. These are expensive parts and would come to \$1750.00 for all of them. There were questions and some discussion, but there was unanimous agreement that this would be an appropriate gift to the library since our members make heavy use of all the reader-printers. The board allotted \$1750.00 with the stipulation not to go over \$2000.00 for the replacement of the needed parts.

Claire Kissil asked the board for Charles Hay whether the MAGS logo should be on all nametags or continue to be only on officers' nametags. The board agreed that logos should be on all nametags.

Members of the board also decided to enter in an exchange of newsletters with the San Antonio Public Library. Their Genealogy department publishes a quarterly and wants to receive our newsletter in exchange for their publication. Claire Kissil will update the list of exchange periodicals we now receive and give it to Eleanor Casagrand for inclusion in the newsletter.

It was also agreed to give a remembrance gift to the librarians in our Local History and Genealogy Department as has been done in past years.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Kissil for
Lois Weis, recording secretary.

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