

Gallatin County Genealogical Society Meeting  
11 August 2012

President Michelle Westberg called the meeting to order at 11:06. There were 15 people in attendance.

Tricia Thompson asked attendees to make sure to give her their complete address information after the meeting.

Michelle went over contact information for the Law and Justice Center (LJC): phone 582.2165. If you go to index information from the ledgers there, be sure to take your laptop and contact them before you go. Tricia said she had more information she would go over later.

Michelle made announcements from the state genealogical society.

- The State Genealogy meeting is in Billings, September 20-22. There are brochures available.
- There are a few books left from the bunch Dee Seitel brought in. They are still available for anyone who wants them.
- There are also pamphlets from the state society still available.
- There is a cemetery walk today at 1 in Livingston at the Catholic cemetery about 1 ½ miles past Livingston.
- The Scottish/Irish Festival in Hamilton is August 24-26. There was some discussion about the festival and the cost of attending. Michelle will email more information to the group.

Cindy Bridgewater was elected as the interim secretary but has not attended since the first meeting. In order to file our bylaws, we need to have a secretary sign them. Jenn Vieth suggested we elect a secretary to replace Cindy as interim secretary. Jerry Devine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Tricia nominated Jenn as secretary. Sandy Sandiland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tricia passed out three sheets and went over the projects the group is currently working on:

- We are continuing working on obituaries—we're approx 2,300 records ½ through books.
- Indexing Naturalization Petitions at the LJC
  - Declaration of Intent: immigrant has to be here for 2 years with good reputation (we are not doing—lots of work for not a lot of information)
  - petition—lots of information, names of wife, children, etc.
  - declaration of citizenship—3-5 years before judge declares (not a lot of information)
  - Use the yellow sheet—Call Tricia if you can go index records. Tricia passed around a timesheet for people to sign up on.
  - Be sure to record where you left off indexing on the clipboard at the LRC.
  - Ignore the alphabetic index at the beginning of the ledgers, just start at vol 1 page 1
- Once we're done with petitions, we'll vote on what's next.
- Birth/Marriage/Death index cards
  - MSU Archives (Kim Scott) – creating index of last names and “papers”
  - Frank @ LDS Archives said MSU had the index card files the past society had created
  - We now have them back: Birth/Marriage/Death records from early Bozeman papers

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- There is one event per card.
- Trish has split the cards into packs for people to take home and index.
- Sign packets out from Trish before you leave.
- Check mark and initial the cards when you are done with them. Mark post-it note with "Finished" once done.
- Call Trish for more. Please don't return them to Trish until they are done.
- Please make sure any spreadsheet work you are doing is sent to Trish as a new document. There are too many records to deal with duplicates within the spreadsheet.

Family Search may pick up our work and put it on their site.

Jenn will be building a website for the society to post indexes. She says we might have it live by the first of the year.

Our meeting work sessions will be obituaries until we are finished.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Work session started.