

## **Gallatin County Genealogical Society Meeting**

08 December 2012

The Gallatin County Genealogical Society (GCGS) meeting was called to order by President Michelle Westberg at 12:15 p.m. Another group was using the small meeting room at the Bozeman Public Library.

### **GCGS Website**

It is currently difficult to find the site for the Gallatin County Genealogical Society. If every member would keep searching for "Gallatin County Genealogical Society" when he or she is on the Internet, the society could advance higher on the list, making it easier to find the society in the future.

### **Research Fees**

A committee met to determine the fees the GCGS should charge for research. This committee consisted of Bonnie Jackson, Dee Seitel, Tricia Thompson, and Sarah Tuninga. Tricia Thompson and Bonnie Jackson passed out the results of this meeting. After a good discussion about the information presented, Jeri Devine made a motion to adopt the research fees and post the information on the website. Jim Keeter seconded the motion. The research fees were unanimously approved and will be posted on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tricia Thompson gave the Treasurer's Report for the GCGS, which currently has \$182.00 in its account.

### **War of 1812**

Michelle Westberg made a presentation about the preservation of the pension records of the War of 1812 by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, P. O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940, [www.fgs.org/1812donations](http://www.fgs.org/1812donations). Ancestry.com will match any funds raised for this purpose. FOLD3 is currently offering free records for A & B of the alphabet. Individual members from the GCGS made donations to bump up the amount offered to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Tricia Thompson made a motion to send \$25 to the Federation of Genealogical Societies from the GCGS. Jeri Devine seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

### **Iowa Genealogical Society**

Carol Elliot told the Iowa Genealogical Society about the spirit of indexing that the GCGS has shown during the past 6 month when she was in Iowa. Several of the lowans were excited about the records being posted because they have roots in Montana.

### **Programs**

Heather Bienvenue talked about offering a special program during each GCGS meeting. She made a few suggestions such as having the meeting and a program at the Pioneer Museum, the LDS Church, the cemetery, the Bozeman Public Library, the MSU Library, etc. A survey was passed out for each member to suggest two things they would like to know more about and whether they could present something to the GCGS. It was also suggested that the GCGS link its website to other places (e.g., Pioneer Museum).

### **Family History Book**

Tricia Thompson presented the Family History Book, which is an offering on the Ancestry.com website. She walked us through how to build a group sheet, how to build an individual timeline that includes historical events, how to add licenses, and how to create divider pages. She stressed that you can add whatever you

want. She showed us several examples of Family History Books that she has created for her clients as well as herself. She stressed that after collecting and posting the information on Ancestry.com, the information is there forever. If you want to publish the information, posters can be ordered for approx. \$40, whereas a 130-page book can be ordered for approx. \$100. Tricia Thompson charges \$1 per page when she is hired to do a Family History Book. She was asked if she would be available to do a hands-on workshop to create a Family History Book and indicated she would be willing to do this.

### **Beginning Genealogy Class**

Tricia Thompson was asked about her Adult & Continuing Education class offered through Bozeman Public Schools. She will be offering an 8-week course beginning January 17, 2013 for \$49 at Bozeman High School. Registration for the class begins at noon on January 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.