

**GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. (potluck)

Attendance: Norma Ardesson, Heather Bienvenue, Carol Elliott, Bonnie Jackson, Tricia Thompson, Michelle Westberg (Jenn Vieth was absent)

- A secretary is needed for the Montana State Genealogical Society – we decided we are too new a chapter to attempt recommending anyone at this time
- Michelle Westberg, the outgoing president, appointed Norma Ardesson to audit the books of our outgoing treasurer, Tricia Thompson – the outcome of this audit will be reported at the August 10, 2013 meeting
- The next GCGS meeting is Saturday, August 10, 2013 @ 11:00 a.m. in the small conference room at the Bozeman Public Library.
 - Introductions:
 President: Heather Bienvenue
 Vice-President: Carol Elliott
 Secretary: Bonnie Jackson
 Treasurer: Norma Ardesson
 Webmaster: Jenn Vieth
 Project Manager: Tricia Thompson
 State Liaison: Michelle Westberg
 - Update names, email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers – Tricia Thompson will handle updates and send an electronic copy to members
 - Collect membership dues – Norma Ardesson
 - Montana State Genealogical Society Conference, September 26-28, 2013 – registration forms – Carol Elliott
 - GCGS Minutes for May 11, 2013 – Bonnie Jackson
 - GCGS Executive Board Minutes for July 29, 2013 – Bonnie Jackson
 - Treasurer's Report, including results of audit – Norma Ardesson
 - Database updates – Tricia Thompson
 - GCGS Bylaws – make a change to Article V: Officers – change the officers from President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer to President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Project Manager, State Liaison
 - Suggestions for future programs
 - September 14, 2013 meeting at the Bozeman Public Library in the small conference room at 11:00 a.m. – work session for Montana State Genealogical Society Conference
 - October 12, 2013 meeting at Sunset Hills Cemetery – tour and presentation by Derek Strahn, a history teacher at Bozeman High School – meet at the cemetery entrance gate at 1:00 p.m. (if the weather forecast is bad five days in advance, we will meet at the Bozeman Public Library in the small conference room at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy a presentation on Ancestry.com by Tricia Thompson instead)
 - Beginning Genealogy class at Bozeman High School from Thursday, September 26, 2013 through Thursday, November 14, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (8 weeks) – taught by Tricia Thompson (registration begins Monday, September 16, 2013 - cost is \$49.00)

- Montana State Genealogical Society Conference work session
 - o Work on GCGS trifold
 - o Work on table decorations

Montana State Genealogical Society Conference:

- Need a sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities at the conference – Bonnie Jackson
- Table Decorations – Donna Dehn is the committee chairperson
 - Need 8-10 table decorations x 2 lunches = 16-20
 - Need 10 table decorations for banquet
 - Theme: “One Leaf at a Time”
 - Bonnie Jackson and Tricia Thompson can donate pinecones and other items from their yards for table decorations
 - Should be inexpensive, since there isn’t a budget for these decorations
- T-Shirts
 - Two kinds – either My Roots Are In Montana or My Roots are in the United States
 - Four colors – blue, red, black, or green
 - Small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, xxx-large
- Local Daughters of the American Revolution Table
 - Brochures
 - Need a volunteer to answer questions about membership during breaks – probably Tricia Thompson
- Gallatin County Genealogical Society Table
 - Trifold white board with pictures and information about the society on it – Heather Bienvenue will buy one; Michelle Westberg will bring scrapbooking materials
 - Brochures – Bonnie Jackson and Tricia Thompson will design and print the brochures; Michelle Westberg will send an example from Helena for ideas
 - Need a volunteer to answer questions about the society during breaks
- Tote Bags – Michelle Westberg is the committee chairperson
 - Need 100 bags for conference attendees
 - Michelle Westberg is soliciting donations from area businesses
 - Need to stuff bags around 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26 before the conference begins, since Verba Valentine has to bring part of the stuff for the bags – the bags are needed for registration, which begins at 3:00 p.m.
 - Montana Visitor Magazine – Michelle Westberg
 - Outside Bozeman – Carol Elliott
 - MoR – Carol Elliott
 - Pioneer Museum Quarterly – Norma Ardesson
 - PBS Guide – Norma Ardesson
 - Bozeman Public Library – Bonnie Jackson
 - Bozeman, Montana, Family History Center – Tricia Thompson

- Montana Historical Society – Heather Bienvenue
- Book Frolic
 - Donations of annuals, city directories, histories, family histories, genealogy books, tapes and videos – drop off on Thursday, September 26
 - Need 3 volunteers to accept books, display them, prepare the sheets for the silent auction, etc. on Thursday, September 26 @ 3 p.m. (There will be time to go to the reception and then if necessary finish up after it.)
 - Need 2 volunteers to help with sales on Friday morning, September 27. (The sales tables are in the seminar room, so they won't miss the program.)
 - Need 2 volunteers to help with sales on Saturday morning, September 28. (The sales tables are in the seminar room, so they won't miss the program.)
 - Need 2-3 volunteers to collect books and tally amounts owed for each person who won the bid(s) after 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 28
 - Contact Shirley Rogers, jcrsar@q.com or 406-461-5761
- Registration Table
 - Name tags include: Name, Maiden Name, Genealogical Society Membership
 - Need people to give out bags, register new people, etc.
 - o Need 3 volunteers for Thursday, September 26 from 3:00-5:30 p.m.
 - o Need 2 volunteers for Friday, September 27 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.
 - o Need 2 volunteers for Saturday, September 28 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.
 - o Speaker starts at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday
- Raffle Tickets
 - 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5
 - This is the major fundraiser for the Montana State Genealogical Society Conference
 - Prizes are fantastic (e.g., a year's membership to ancestry.com)
 - Need 2-3 volunteers to help sell tickets during breaks
 - Contact Shirley Rogers, jcrsar@q.com or 406-461-5761
- Food Events
 - Need 4 volunteers at each food event to collect tickets and pass out door prizes (GCGS doesn't need to donate prizes, because we are hosting the conference)
 - o Friday, September 27 – lunch is from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - o Friday, September 27 – banquet is at 6:30 p.m.
 - o Saturday, September 28 – lunch is from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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- Montana Death Indexes - for sale on CD for \$10

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jackson
GCGS Secretary