

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Program:

"Native American Studies, Identity and History - Who Do You Say You Are?"

Presented by Charlie Spray, MSU adjunct professor in Native American Studies, and a research assistant at the Gallatin History Museum.

Several suggested books were: "Tracks" by Louise Erdrich and "Pretty Shield" by Frank Linderman

Mr. Spray provided a lengthy list of recommended Links and Movies.

If you are interested in having the lists e-mailed to you, please contact me at genbach@hotmail.com, and I will e-mail them to you.

Business Meeting:

The September meeting of the Gallatin County Genealogical Society was held on the third floor of the Courthouse on Main Street at 11:00 a.m. There were 15 people present. Karen Maika conducted the meeting. Treasurer Norma Ardeson reported that the Society has \$648.86. The meeting was then turned over to Carol Elliott, who talked about the upcoming State Conference in Helena September 25-27. Of those present at the meeting, 7 people said they would attend the conference. Carol has put together a door prize for the Conference, and asked that the group approve \$20.00 to \$30.00 for that purpose. Tricia Thompson so moved, Karen Maika seconded, and the motion was approved. Carol also told about the "book frolic", which is donated history or genealogy books that can be sold at silent auction during the conference. She brought some items from the files of the society that she will take to Helena for this purpose. Carol reported that the Federated Genealogical Society is leading the fundraising campaign to pay for the digitalization of the 1812 pension records. The Montana State Genealogical Society will match Montana donations up to \$500.00. Carol moved that we give a \$25.00 donation to FGS for the digitalization project. Katherine Atteberry seconded, and the motion was approved. The final item discussed was the enactment of legislation which restricts access to the Death Master File, otherwise known as the Social Security Death Index. Societies are mounting a letter campaign to Congress to voice concerns about this. Carol handed out a sample letter which you may use, or write your own. If you would like to have this sample, please e-mail myself at the above address, or Carol Elliot at melliottjr@aol.com. Yearly dues were collected at the close of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gengenbacher, GCGS Secretary