

GCGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2014

President Bonnie Jackson presided over the board meeting held at Tricia Thompson's house. Those present were Bonnie, Tricia, Carol Elliott, Norma Ardesson, Karen Maika, Linda Gengenbacher, and Jenn Vieth.

The minutes from the September GCGS meeting were amended concerning the FGS donation at the State Conference. The amended minutes will be emailed to the membership before the Saturday meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the fact that some members are not receiving the Roundup. The procedure for sending members' email addresses to the State was reviewed. Jenn Vieth will put a link to the Roundup on our Webpage.

Tricia brought up the fact that our chapter had no display table at the State Conference. General feeling was that the State Conference needs to have better communication with the individual chapters in the state. Carol Elliott brought along a pre-planning form she developed that will help the state be better prepared for the State Conference. She will present it at the next state meeting. A discussion followed about the growth of the State Conference, and how venue and registration may need to be changed to accommodate the growth. Next year's conference will be in Butte.

The monthly meeting will be held at the library in January and February. The April and May meetings will need to be booked at the courthouse.

Tricia reported that at the next monthly meeting Lindy Bunch will be given an appreciation and gift certificate for her stellar performance indexing records at the library. Originally the estimate for completing the indexing would be 35 years. Due to Lindy's efforts, the estimate is down to 8 years.

It was decided that a new feature will be incorporated into the beginning of each monthly meeting. When members arrive, they will be given a ticket for a door prize. Tricia will provide 1 hour of research time for the first door prize. There will also be a "5 minute spotlight" at the beginning of each meeting. This will consist of various research websites that will be of interest to those attending the meetings. The first website highlighted will be "Free Western Marriages".

Norma and Tricia are researching a new indexing project. It would consist of indexing wills at the Old Court House. This would involve books, not microfilm. For those individuals that want to help index, but do not have a laptop, Bonnie has donated a laptop that can be checked out at the library.

Jenn Vieth proposed that the Society should start Facebook and Twitter accounts. She also discussed using her GCGS logo on mugs for gifts. She will present her ideas at the next monthly meeting.

Old Business:

The proposed ByLaw change will be put before the membership at the next meeting for approval. The change will allow the Treasurer or the President to write checks for Society business without two signatures.

Carol Elliott will discuss the "First Families and Early Settlers of Montana" project at the November meeting. There are currently 3 volumes printed, and plans for a 4th volume. Applications to be included in the 4th volume must be submitted by June 1, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Gengenbacher