

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

November 8, 2014

President Bonnie Jackson opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Guests and new members introduced themselves. There were 29 people present at the meeting.

Tricia Thompson presented the 5 minute spotlight on “Find my Past” website. She informed us that the website was allowing free access for the weekend.

Secretary’s report:

There were no additions or corrections. Jim Keefer moved to accept the minutes. Tricia Thompson seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s report:

Norma Ardesson reported that the Society has \$864.67. She further reported that an audit had been performed and the books were in order. Norma handed out new membership cards to the members present.

Project Manager’s report:

Tricia Thompson reported that 82,295 records have been indexed. Volunteers are needed to continue indexing the Bozeman Daily Chronicle vital statistics. Volunteers are also needed to begin the new project of indexing wills at the Law and Justice Center.

Webmaster’s report:

Jenn Vieth brought printouts of the mugs, totes, pens, t-shirts and notepads with the GCGS logo displayed on them so the members could indicate which items they would like to order. She reported that the new Facebook page had received between 15 and 20 “likes” so far.

State Liaison’s Report:

Carol Elliott handed out information about the upcoming “First Families and Early Settlers of Montana” book Vol. 4 that will be published by the Montana State Genealogical Society. Deadline for inclusion in the book is June 1, 2015.

Membership Report:

Karen Maika shared that there were 42 paid memberships in the society.

Norma Ardesson shared her “graveyard backpack” that she had won at the State Convention. It was a unique collection of tools sometimes helpful when trying to read or photograph tombstones.

Tricia Thompson won the door prize, which was 1 hour with Andrew Jackson to help with pictures, Photoshop, iMovie, or a Mac computer.

A short discussion was held about moving the January meeting to the Library, due to technical difficulties at the courthouse. Norma Ardesson moved that the January meeting be moved to the Library, and Karen Maika seconded. The motion carried.

Program:

Carol Elliott spoke about a National Genealogy Society trip that she had taken to Washington D.C. She included highlights about research at the National Archives, The Library of Congress, and Daughters of the American Revolution Library.

There will be no December meeting. the next meeting will be on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Library. Tricia Thompson will be having a Q&A session on Ancestry.com, Fold 3, Family Search, etc. Bring your questions.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Gengenbacher, Secretary