

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Saturday, October 8, 2016

President, Steve Swinford called the October meeting of the Gallatin County Genealogical Society to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Bozeman Public Library in the large meeting room.

Linda Gengenbacher, Secretary was not present, Jeri Devine took minutes. Donna Dane moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Lindy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

Membership shows that we have 24 paid members as of October 8, 2016 and several more paid at the meeting.

Tricia Thompson, Project Manager, was not present but she did ask that the following information be shared at the meeting. As of October 8, 2016 there are 182,000 records indexed on line thanks to the volunteers of our society. Tricia also asked if there is anyone interested in helping every other Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with indexing the Bozeman Chronicle vital statistics.

Jenn Veith, Webmaster, asked that if anyone has any posts to be added to the web page to contact her. She also asked to see if there is interest in making another order for GCGS bags, cups etc. There wasn't enough interest to warrant an order. She will gauge society interest again after the holidays.

Carol Elliott, State Liaison, reported that five members attended the State Genealogical Society Conference. It was enjoyed by all and very educational. Next year's conference will be held in Billings. There will be more information on this at a later date.

Old Business: President, Steve Swinford, thanked everyone for taking the survey.

New Business: There is a new app called "Little Family Tree" that is for children's use to learn about genealogy. It has games, pictures and more.

The speaker, Karen Huck, from the Montana State Genealogical Library located in Helena was introduced by Steve Swinford.

Karen told us about their facility and that they are part of the "Montana Shared Catalog" which shares software with 177 of the libraries located in Montana. The library was given all "non" Montana genealogical books from the Montana Historical Society. As a result they have not only Montana historical sources but information for other areas as well.

The library is all volunteer staffed and they accept donated books. To access the card catalog go to: MyMontanaLibrary.org. You can search without an account but cannot do a hold for example unless you set up an account.

There will be a meeting in Missoula, October 22-23 of the Northwest Irish Council.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2016 in the large meeting room at the Bozeman Public Library. The program will be "Getting Started on ancestry.com."

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Swinford

GCGS President

Karen Maika

GCGS Vice President