

Gallatin County Genealogical Society Board Meeting June 8th, 2017

The meeting was held at Karen Maika's home at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were Steve Swinford, President; Karen Maika, Vice President; Linda Gengenbacher, Secretary; Norma Ardeson, Treasurer; Carol Elliott, State Liaison; Tricia Thompson, Project Manager. Karen had looked for meeting ideas in the State Roundup Newsletter. This past year the Society had focused on online tools, and it was suggested we could have a meeting to teach basic researching skills.

The following month by month meeting schedule was set up:

September: Family group sheets. "Super Siblings" It is very helpful to have all siblings to get total picture and extra information. Presented by Tricia.

October: 10 ways to enhance your family narrative. Presented by Carol.

November: Critical reading of Birth, Marriage and Death certificates. Presented by Tricia.

January: 2 meetings devoted to DNA Sessions. Presented by Steve.

February:

April: Transcribing written records (deciphering language and handwriting from early periods. Possibly presented by Cheryl Genovese.

May: Sharing and officer election.

Steve has booked the library for the meetings, except November meeting.

Encouragement: Encourage members to get together socially to discuss methods and individual projects. Dick Feltis should encourage members to visit the Mormon Church Records Room.

There will be "Question Answer" time at each meeting. We will have a basket at the meetings for members to place questions. The answers should be no more than 5 minutes.

The question came up about trying to grow our membership. Everyone felt comfortable with the membership numbers we have at present.

Carol reminded us that the State Genealogy Conference will be in September. They will be eliminating door prizes at the Conference. It was decided that our society would not have a table. Carol will print some of our brochures for the FGS Conference.

The Society's Web Site was discussed. Old minutes should be eliminated from the site. It makes the site look dated. The 2012 handout should also be eliminated. The link to the State Genealogy Site should stay, and perhaps make family group sheets available there also. Steve will look into making the group sheets PDF fillable.

Linda Gengenbacher, Secretary