

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.
Council Meeting, September 15, 2012, Library and Resource Centre

Present: Kathy Stokes (chair), Virginia Braid, Janice Butcher (secretary), Bill Curtis, Enid Dorwood, Daryl Dumanski, Judith Roe, Jim Rutherford, Stacey Wilson

Notes:

- a) The meeting did not have a quorum of 10 members so could not make motions. It could only make recommendations for motions which must be ratified by e-mail ballot.
- b) All council members are asked not to photocopy reports (in an effort to save on printing costs) but to send electronic copies of their reports to Secretary, Pat Sundmark. These reports will be circulated with the minutes.

1. Meeting called to order 10:00 am	
2. Approval of the Council minutes of April 28, 2012. Moved – Jim Rutherford, Seconded – Virginia Braid	Carried
3. Business Arising: None – any items will be discussed later in agenda	
<p>4. <u>Reports:</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>President:</u> Kathy Stokes: report as attached Kathy encouraged everyone to attend the planning meeting on October 13.</p> <p>4.2 <u>VP Administration:</u> Virginia Braid: report as attached</p> <p>4.2.1 Library: Enid Dorland reported for Mary Bole: report as attached</p> <p>4.2.2 Membership: Janice Butcher: report as attached Discussion on why members do not renew membership. Daryl suggested ways of better engaging members – monthly e-newsletter, Facebook, twitter, etc.</p> <p><u>Motion recommended to Council:</u> That we approve a \$5.00 reduction in the MGS membership fee for members of the Saskatchewan and Ontario Genealogical Societies (reciprocal agreement).</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>a) ON and SK applicants must submit a photocopy of their current membership card.</p> <p>b) Reduction only applies to full members, not associate members.</p> <p>4.2.2.1 Volunteer recruitment: Daryl Dumanski. Daryl reported that she had advertised with Volunteer MB and had found three people who she felt would be suitable for MGS. They are presently discussing specific positions with various committee chairs.</p> <p>4.2.3 Research: Jim Rutherford: nothing to report</p> <p>4.2.4 Special Projects: Sari Fields was absent</p> <p>4.3 <u>VP Communications:</u> Stacey Wilson reported for Linda White: report as attached.</p> <p>4.3.1 <i>Generations:</i> Dave Farmer was absent</p> <p>4.3.2 Outreach: Bill Curtis: report as attached</p> <p>4.3.3 Publications: Stacey Wilson: report as attached</p> <p>Discussion on timing of September Council meeting. Some Council members indicated that their reports were the same as those submitted to the AGM which raised the question of why we hold Council meetings one month before the AGM. Kathy indicated that they were looking at changing the date of the fiscal year which would impact the timing of Council</p>	E-mail vote

<p>meetings.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Finance</u>:</p> <p>4.4.1 Treasurer: Rick McLellan was absent but had submitted the Income statement and Balance sheet (as attached)</p> <p>4.4.2 Fund Raising: Judith Roe: report as attached</p> <p>Judith is considering a fundraiser involving plant sales. It was suggested that an online survey be conducted to see if members are interested in participating. VP Communications, Linda White, and hopefully a new Publicity chair will be asked to consider such a survey. Judith would like other notices about fundraising projects distributed to members (e.g. afghan raffle).</p> <p>4.5 <u>VP Information Technology</u>: Gord McBean was absent</p>	
<p>5. <u>Branch Reports</u></p> <p>5.1 Dauphin: no report</p> <p>5.2 Beautiful Plains: Don McGillivray sent a verbal report to Kathy indicating that he will be stepping aside for a while. Their branch is considering hosting a 1-day seminar in fall 2013.</p> <p>5.3 Southeast & Winnipeg: Virginia Braid presented a report (as attached).</p> <p>5.4 Southwest & Brandon: no report</p> <p>5.5 Swan Valley: no report</p>	
<p>6. <u>New Business</u>:</p> <p>6.1 Budget</p> <p>Rick McLellan submitted a budget for 2012-13 (as attached). Kathy noted that the first draft contained a considerable deficit. Thus the Executive had to make considerable cuts to get closer to a balanced budget, primarily in library purchases (there will be no purchases after November 1) and computer purchases.</p> <p>The primary concern with future budgets is with the anticipated increase in rent for the library/resource center. Ways to increase revenues will be discussed at the Planning meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion recommended to Council</u>:</p> <p>That the 2012-13 budget be approved as circulated.</p> <p>Note: The budget is approved by MGS Council and then presented to the AGM. The AGM is asked to approve all motions passed by Council in the past year, including the budget.</p> <p>Suggestion for AGM.</p> <p>To save on printing costs of the AGM booklet, reports could be projected onto a screen for members to read.</p> <p>6.2 Financial Review Implementation Committee</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to sit on this committee. Janice volunteered. We will have to look for other volunteers.</p>	E-mail vote
<p>7. Adjournment 12:10 pm</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Butcher, (Acting) Secretary