

MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 19 Sept 2015

Present were: Jim Oke (President), Virginia Braid, Janice Butcher, Rick McLellan, Gord McBean, Linda Wray, Susan Thorpe, Dave Farmer, Mary Bole, Kathy Stokes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10.03 am
2. The agenda was adopted by consensus
3. MOTION: Dave, Ginny - That minutes of the MGS Council meeting of April 25, 2015 be adopted as circulated. PASSED

Business arising from the minutes

- a. Appointments to the Executive were confirmed and they are VP Administration – Virginia Braid, VP Information Technology – Gord Mc Bean, Secretary – Pat Sundmark, Treasurer – Linda Wray. There are four vacant committee chairs. Dave will mention this in the December Generations.
- b. We were unable to hire any summer students to finish up tasks on MANI. Gord will follow this through this fall.
- c. MGS meetings as noted: Council – March 19, 2016; AGM – June 4, 2016. Executive meetings are noted in the Executive minutes of June 23, 2015.
- d. Open House details were discussed. It was agreed by consensus that for that day only (Sept. 26) membership to those attending would be offered at a special rate of \$45.00. T
- e. This applies to new memberships only.

5 Reports

- a. The President had no written report, but noted that he had been at the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama. There was brief discussion about the British Pavilion and whether we could put a booth there.
- b. B. Branches – There were no reports from rural branches
Southwest/ Winnipeg Branch noted that the Wpg. School Division's Life Long Learning program is once again offering a family history course taught by Sheila Woods and Kathleen Kristjanson. Proceed from fees will be donated to MGS.
Ginny noted that there will be a day trip to an historic site, Camp Hughes. Further information is available. Ginny also noted that SEW has planned an event at the AGM next June. There will be a speaker, followed by the AGM and then a luncheon. The Branch efforts for this special day are much appreciated.
- c. VP Administration report from Ginny was brief (See attached). It was noted that Dave Farmer will contact the local small newspaper group to follow up on MGS suggestion of monthly or semi monthly column there.
Research reported only four requests in the past two months
Membership – see attached. Membership records are now being kept on MANI. Branches have access to their members' information only.
Special Projects (see Attached) Note that the existing policy regarding the share of monies received for cemetery sales will remain as presently used.
Library (see attached). Some SW Branch members will be coming to use the library on Oct 4.

An unpleasant comment was noted on an information slip on the door to the inner office. This information disappointed members at the meeting.

- d. VP Communications requested a new website be developed as soon as possible. Generations (see attached). There was a discussion about printing versus photocopying the journal. It was agreed that we would continue with printing because it produces a better quality appearance of Generations. Bill Curtis, Outreach Chair was unable to attend, but sent a brief report noting MGS participation at the Folklorama Scottish Pavilion and at the Highland Gathering in East Selkirk.
- e. VP Information Technology. Gord reported that MGS has 120 MANI accounts so far, better than he had expected. Volunteers are working hard at cleaning up various indexes. The Red River program is now complete; maintenance is now the focus.
- f. FINANCE (see attached treasurer's report April 1 – August 31). No budget is yet available.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A brief discussion ensued about maintenance policies.
- b. The MGS lease expires on July 14, 2016. We must inform our landlord of our intentions by Jan.14. There should be a committee formed to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of remaining where we are and to liaise with the landlord.
- c. In order to raise funds for MGS, a corporate Sponsorship Committee should be formed.
MOTION: Gord, Mary – That a committee be formed to explore and develop a sponsorship program.
PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 12. 15 pm