

President's report to MGS Council April 9, 2013

Since our last Council meeting, we have, executive, committees and volunteers all been working very hard. This is not unusual. I am always impressed by the willingness of MGS members to lend a hand when needed.

The grant application for our 2013 - 2014 government grant of \$11 200.00 has been forwarded to the appropriate government department and the evaluation report on the 2012 – 2013 year's activities has also been completed.

There have been problems with roof leaks yet again. The leaks occurred the week of April 1 as a result of the snow on the roof melting. Apogee (the company which makes repairs to our building) came out immediately and fixed the roof temporarily on Thursday, April 4. The next morning they came again and hopefully fixed things for good, although comments from the head of the repair crew indicated that there should be more permanent repairs or even a new roof. It was necessary to replace a tile in the ceiling and this is the responsibility of the landlord, as are the roof repairs.

Mary Bole and I, along with Gord Mc Bean, Myrna Mackey and Colin and Elizabeth Briggs went to Brandon last weekend to participate in their one day workshop. Mary set up a table of selected books from the MGS library and I gave a session on the Manitoba Archives, Legislative Library and Vital Statistics Agency. Gord spoke about the plans for our computer setup. Colin's and Elizabeth's sessions were about Irish research and how to use census returns. Myrna Mackey spoke about Irish research as well. SouthWest Branch was very pleased with the support from MGS for its workshop.

We have several big events upcoming in early May. MGS will give a book prize to the junior high school student who presents the best history of a family or Manitoba town at the Annual Red River Heritage Fair to be held on May 2 at the University of Winnipeg. This is our second year of involvement with the Fair.

Our Garage Sale will be held on May 4 at 673 Kilkenny Drive in Fort Richmond. Please bring your offerings to MGS by May 1.

The following weekend, on May 11, we will be holding our annual Open House to celebrate Manitoba Day at the MGS Library. Please encourage your friends to visit.

I thank everyone so much for supporting my nomination for a "Lieutenant Governor's Make a Difference Community Award". I will receive the award on Wednesday, April 24. I feel that this show of support is for all of us who work so hard to keep MGS running and I am grateful for your assistance.