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4:15p.m., October 1, 2011

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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October 16, 2010

Present: Joan Whiston, Virginia Braid, Kelly Southworth, Mary Bole, Bev Smith, Susan Wellman, Daryl Dumanski, Enid Dorward, Elizabeth Atkinson, Louisa Shermerhorn, Kathy Stokes, Joyce Elias, Gord McBean, Judith Roe, Rick McLellan, Pat Sundmark.

Apologies: Debbie Clark, Bill Curtis, Shawn Hilts, Geoff Lambert, Jim Rutherford.

1.Call to order: 10:01 am	
2.Approval of Agenda: Moved Gord McBean, seconded: Kelly Southworth	CARRIED
3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM,17 October 2009: Moved: Kathy Stokes, seconded: Gord McBean	CARRIED Minutes to be posted on website.
4. Business Arising: none	
5. Reports: 5.1 President: Joan Whiston reported that the joint seminar with Saskatchewan was very well organized. There were many positive comments from attendees. Gord McBean helped "save the day" with the microphones etc. "Once again Our Society has had another busy year. Our Open House in May, to celebrate Manitoba Day, along with our fundraising efforts, was a success, thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible. "In August, we participated in Folklorama and again, to the volunteers who were involved, many thanks. "Without our daily volunteers, who keep our Resource Centre open for the benefit of visitors and our members, we would not have such a smooth-running Society. We have a very well stocked library, computers for searching the Internet, Ancestry.ca, and Newspaperarchives.com, as well as many other records such as census and BMDs on microfilm, and microfiche for land records, to name only a few. The world of genealogy is ever-expanding and so are the benefits to our members and visitors. This is all great but our volunteers are aging as our ancestors. Please think about volunteering to fill some of the positions that are open. "This is my last report; I wish to thank the Executive, Council, and members of our Society for their support throughout my term as President. Thank you for allowing me the honour of being your President." 5.1.1 Beautiful Plains Branch: report attached 5.1.2 Southeast and Winnipeg Branch: Virginia Braid gave thanks to Gord, Daryl and Sharon for their help in writing the grant application. Virginia then presented \$12,000 to MGS, \$2,000 from the SE & Winnipeg Branch and the remaining \$10,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation to be used for upgrading our computer infrastructure. The remainder of her report is attached. 5.1.3 South West Branch: report attached 5.1.4 Swan Valley Branch: report attached Moved: Mary Bole, seconded: Susan Wellman "that we accept the reports as presented and attached"	

<p>5.2 Vice President Administration: Daryl Dumanski reported that the library now has all <i>Generations</i> indexed. Kelly Southworth has made a compilation of all the Manitoba local history books. Joyce Elias has completed the Morris community obituaries. Bill McDonald has the 1871 Census on one of the computers and has been asked to send a copy of his index to the National Archives.</p> <p>A thank you to the SE&Winnipeg Branch for the \$250 toward local history books. A thank you will be published in <i>Generations</i> to those presenters who waived their honorariums.</p> <p>Remainder of report attached</p> <p>5.2.1 Library Committee: Mary Bole: report attached</p> <p>5.2.2 Office Administration Committee: vacant: no report</p> <p>5.2.3 Research Committee: Jim Rutherford: report attached</p> <p>5.2.4 Special Projects Committee: Kathy Stokes reported that there has been an inventory of all cemeteries ongoing. When it is completed they must be retyped. She mentioned a difficulty with the Ukrainian alphabet being used in some for computer use. Gord offered a solution. There have been two large orders this year: Salt Lake City LDS Library for all the cemeteries and the second half of the Toronto Public Library order. Finally these were completed a week ago. Appreciation is extended to Karen Becker for the effort she made to produce the material.</p> <p>Cost of postage has not been increased since 1995. The adjustments will be made in January when postage rises again.</p> <p>5.2.5 Membership Services Committee: Betty Atkinson reported that she was leaving the chair and the committee after many years of service. Our thanks to her for her work over the years. She will remain in place until January at which time there is a candidate ready to take over.</p> <p>Further report attached.</p> <p>Daryl Dumanski thanked the standing committees, Betty for Membership and Mary and Jim for their work.</p> <p>Moved: Daryl Dumanski, seconded: Rick McLellan "that the reports be accepted as presented and attached"</p> <p>5.3 Vice President Public Relations: Debbie Clark: report attached</p> <p>5.3.1 <i>Generations</i>: Karin Clegg: report included in Public Relations report</p> <p>5.3.2 Outreach: Bill Curtis: report attached</p> <p>Moved: Gord McBean, seconded: Kelly Southworth " that the reports be accepted as presented and attached"</p> <p>5.4 Vice President Information Technology: Shawn Hilts report included in Computer report</p> <p>5.4.1 Computer Committee: Gord McBean reported that excess equipment will be offered to the branches. Thanks to the Winnipeg Foundation for their support and Joan for her help in writing the grant. Further report attached.</p> <p>Moved : Gord McBean, seconded: Bev Smith " that we accept the reports as presented and attached"</p> <p>5.5 Vice President Finance: Geoff Lambert: report attached</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>A sign to be placed to allow patrons to know cemeteries can be printed on demand</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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<p>5.5.1 Fundraising: Judith Roe reported that the Silent Auction would be extended till Christmas. She suggested that the art for sale could be put on the website. There are three books for sale on the website. Further report attached .</p> <p>Moved: Judith Roe, seconded: Susan Wellman “ that we accept the reports of the VP Finance and Fundraising committee as presented and attached”</p> <p>5.5.2 MGS Treasurer: Rick McLellan reported that our normal expenses have risen and our revenues are less so we had to use \$4,000 of our reserve fund. He is looking for ways to increase our revenue or lessen expenses.</p> <p>Moved: Bev Smith, seconded: Louisa Shermerhorn “that the Life membership category be eliminated immediately but current Life memberships remain”</p> <p>Moved: Gord McBean, seconded Kelly Southworth “that we should increase patron fees to \$10 daily and \$5 for evening use. All receipts to be dated and numbered, effective November 1, 2010.”</p> <p>Further report attached</p> <p>5.5.3 Grants and Applications: vacant</p> <p>Moved: Rick McLellan, seconded: Gord McBean “Financial department can make changes to the Memorial Fund to allow changes in conditions of use. Changes to be brought to executive for approval”</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

MGS

President: Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

So here we are at the end of our 35th year since Eric Jonasson organized the Manitoba Genealogical Society. A 35th anniversary is not a particularly auspicious occasion – not the silver 25th, nor the more impressive golden 50th. Still, our membership should be proud of itself for having reached this goal, largely through its own efforts and with only a few years when we were fortunate enough to have paid staff to run our library and office.

MGS has been through the ups and downs common to most family history societies – rapid growth in the late 70s and early 80s, followed by a levelling off of membership for quite a few years and then the computer information explosion, followed by a slowly decreasing membership.

MGS members are wise enough to know that societies are still needed, that they still serve a purpose. This is evidenced by the volunteers who come in week after week, no matter what the weather, to keep the doors of our library open. We are all indebted to them. Many other members serve MGS in less visible positions such as entering data for MGS from their home computers, and speaking to groups interested in learning how to research their family history. Finally, MGS has an executive and council to manage the society. It is here that we are in great need of volunteers who will step forward and guide MGS through the next few crucial years.

There are still a number of MGS members who were there at, or near, the beginning of the society in 1976. Some of them are still involved in the running of our organization through the executive and council. Of course these people, along with the rest of us, have become a bit slower of step over the past 35 years and they would like to retire. It is time for another generation to take up the responsibility of running MGS. Many of you have taken early retirement but have the good health, time, and skills to devote to this task. Your talents are badly needed to keep MGS operating at the high level that our members and the public have come to expect.

What can we say about our current volunteers? They are a wonderful and dedicated group of women and men who realize that we all have obligations to our communities and who have stepped forward to provide such through their knowledge and love of family history. They have benefitted themselves in their service to MGS through friendships made and through the widening of their own horizons as they reach out to others who seek assistance with their research. Without them there would be no Manitoba Genealogical Society.

Grateful thanks to all who have assisted me with the running of the society this past year. Your support has meant that we are a few steps ahead in our planning and in the completion of some of our projects. There remains a great deal to do. Let's get to work!

BEAUTIFUL PLAINS BRANCH

President: Don McGillivray, MGS #4342L

Our membership is at 34 members and we meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at our office in *Access to Books*.

Our meetings this past year consisted of speakers, workshops and roundtables: Ron Nordstrom, who is the computer expert at the Neepawa schools came in and gave us a few tips on working with our genealogy on-line and shortcuts when working with our software programs. Norma Forsman gave us a talk and showed us her historical pictures of Neepawa and area, Linda Earl talked and showed pictures on her trip to Russia and area to do family research. We had a few round table evenings, with our membership having a chance to tell about their research. These meetings seem to go the longest.

A few other things that have happened this year are: Several of our members went to Winnipeg to do research at the MGS Library. We had another History Fair in Neepawa of which we were part along with the rest of the heritage groups from Neepawa and surrounding area. Three of our members went to the seminar in Yorkton last fall and five members went to Saskatoon this spring to the seminar there. Other members have traveled to do research and attend other seminars and gave reports when they returned.

Something we started last year that turned out quite well were classes held for beginning genealogists and we continued these again this past year. We put up posters around town and had two evenings for people to attend. We had a good turnout.

Our Neepawa Cemetery project is almost finished. We are done cross-referencing the town records and then we have to catch up on what has happened since we ended our transcribing at the cemetery.

We hope to have a good upcoming year with some exciting things planned.

SOUTHEAST & WINNIPEG BRANCH

President: Virginia Braid, MGS #868

Our Branch had an active and successful year. We had twelve general interest sessions, our annual Christmas-sharing night, seven computer workshops and six writer group meetings. Two highlights were our *Sit 'n Scan* and *Family History Basics* workshops. Thanks to our "phoner", Lynn Francis, these general sessions were well attended. We also formed a committee to plan and prepare the Seminar, "It's All Relative", that we attended today.

We coordinated the Wednesday Night Library volunteers. The library was staffed with eight volunteers and a spare list of six. We appreciate the exceptional work they do for the Branch and thank them all.

We had seven requests for research. These came from Scotland, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

At our AGM on May 9, 2011, our Branch recognized Mary Bole and Daryl Dumanski by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation.

The following executive for the 2011-2012 year was chosen by acclamation at the AGM:

1st. Vice President- Jim Oke

2nd. Vice President – Gord McBean

Secretary: Gwen Pedersen

Treasurer- Susan Wellman

Councillors- Dennis Simpson, Kelly Southworth, David Sutherland

It is to be noted that no one stood for the position of President. Our Past President is Virginia Braid.

We once again paid for subscriptions to Ancestry.ca and Newspaperarchives for the MGS library. The Branch also covers the cost of the Internet Connection. This is a benefit for all MGS Members using the library. This year, the Branch donated \$2000.00 to the computer upgrade project.

The past executive did a superb job. Some special recognition, however, should go to Gord McBean, Kelly Southworth, and Susan Wellman for arranging the educational sessions and for doing some of the presentations. The Branch would also like to thank all of the presenters, many of whom donated their honorariums to the library.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Secretary: Laura Crookshanks, MGS #4292

The South West Branch has had another busy year. We have continued to meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at Crocus Plains School at 1930 - 1st Street, unless a special tour or event is planned. Topics for meetings this past year have included: a visit to the Family History Centre, Everything you always wanted to know about your digital camera but were afraid to ask, Finding Your Female Ancestors, What Does the Southwest Branch do?, Sharing your Photo Memories on CD, Exploring Christmas Traditions, Google for Genealogists.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in March, with two new members elected to the Executive. In May, we held our Annual Heritage Dinner with guest Speaker Marc George, of the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum in Shilo, who presented a very interesting talk on World War II. The Ruth Tester Award was presented to Barbara Pettinger. In June, we held a potluck at the Forrest United Church after being rained out of the scheduled tour of the Chapman Museum.

Attendance at meetings has ranged from 11 to 19, with an average of 15.

We have continued to produce our newsletter, *The New Leaf*, on a quarterly basis.

We are very pleased to have updated our website. Have a look at it: www.swmanitobagenealogy.ca. It is also linked to the Manitoba Genealogical Society website via mbgenealogy.com.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH

President: Eric Neufeld, MGS #2410L

The Swan Valley Branch has completed another successful year. We are located at the North-West Regional Library. This location is at 610 1st St. N. in Swan River. Our meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our branch takes a summer recess for the months of July and August of each year.

This year continued with positive progress. We are settling into our current location at the local library and have gathered many local history books and maps to assist us with our queries. We continue to have many queries from people with roots in the Swan Valley area.

We thank Helen Ellingson for indexing births, marriages and deaths from the *Star and Times*. We continue to be on the lookout for old obituary or death notices from any early source.

This year we have welcomed a few new members and encourage local people to attend our meetings. I am proud to say that one of our new members, Leone Sigurdson, is completing a transcription of the "Birchwood Cemetery". This will be submitted to the MGS upon completion.

Our plans for next year include the continuation of updating some of our cemetery transcriptions to assist people in their genealogical research. We are planning to update the cemetery transcriptions for Minotnas, Alpine, Durban, Birchwood and Bowsman cemeteries. Hopefully our summer weather will be favourable to our efforts!!!

In closing, we are thankful for the opportunity to assist anyone researching their family roots in the Swan River Valley!

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Vacant

LIBRARY

Chair: Mary Bole, MGS #844

Statistics

75 periodicals were exchanged with other societies and 8 by subscription paid by library. We receive 14 journals electronically. We expected a large increase in this number but it didn't happen. MGS is in the process of encouraging our own members to receive *Generations* electronically and this will likely increase the number of other societies doing the same.

239 periodicals were checked out by patrons; this included 51 different titles. The most popular continue to be the general how-to, glossy style: *Family Tree Magazine* and *Family History Monthly*. The journals that were most popular, as a group, were about Irish research.

26 books and periodicals were sent out by mail to members in rural Manitoba and Ontario. This number is down from previous years.

1944 items were shelved – this includes cemetery transcriptions, books, periodicals, etc. A count of CD ROMs was not kept, and most patrons shelve their own microforms.

73 volunteers put in 7,744 hours at various projects in the MGS Resource Centre. This number is amazing and does not include work done at home.

A total of 1023 patrons visited the library during the year. The month with the greatest number was April 2011, the lowest was December 2010. During the year we have had visitors from all across Canada and as far away as Florida, Colorado and Washington. Patrons' "area of research" included the following topics: (most popular) Manitoba cemeteries, Manitoba Local History books, Canada, United Kingdom and East European. Most patrons used *Ancestry.library*.

Additions to the library

847 books were donated and about 59 purchased. 563 new-to-us items were added to the library.

CD ROMs.

A large number of CD ROMs are now being donated – our collection is growing. Many have more than one topic on a disc, so it would be advisable to check KOHA for subjects. For example it isn't at all unusual to find a parish record of London on a disk entitled Irish Ancestors. Our next big project is to catalog and rearrange what we have. Keep checking – much valuable information there.

Some patrons are now putting their own genealogy on CD ROMs rather than printing it out - an idea for all of us.

New Look

The library continues to change – new computers and a scanner which will print from microfiche and microfilm has been added. Thanks to the computer committee.

Thank you

I would like, once again, to thank all of the volunteers who have worked in and for the library, all the members (and non-members) who have donated books and money, all those who have searched the shelves of second hand book stores for new books, all those doing data entry or indexing, and all those who are not included in above list. I especially would like to thank the *Southeast and Winnipeg Branch* for donations towards *Ancestry.library* and *NewspaperArchives*. I also thank them for keeping the library open on Wednesday night.

A Special Thanks

I would like to mention one volunteer in particular this year. Josie Stemerowicz has been volunteering on Tuesdays for many years, and is taking time off this year. She has been getting up and catching the bus from Kenora, Ontario about 4 a.m., working at the library until 3:30 then waiting around, either with relatives or downtown shopping, until about 10:00 p.m. when the bus leaves to go back to Kenora. Now that is dedication. Josie was responsible for sending out books by mail and keeping all of our statistics.

RESEARCH

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

Over the past year, the committee handled 280 e-mail queries. We completed 72 detailed paid research requests and the majority of those sent in the forms they downloaded from our web site.

Most of the requests come from Canada, U.S. and the U.K. but we did get research requests from Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium.

More computers in the library has made it easier for the research volunteers to complete their work. The only delays in response are usually due to summer months when volunteer hours are reduced.

The research committee consists of Hazel Runchey, Bonnie Bridge, Sheila Woods, Rick McLellan, Jim Rutherford with help from Bonnie Batchelor, Susan Wellman and Mavis Gray.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Chair: Janice Butcher, MGS #4419

Committee: Jean Lenderbeck, MGS #3744, Susan Thorpe, MGS #5191

1. Membership Numbers

The following table provides a membership comparison for the last four years. There has been a decline of 99 Individual/Associate members (19%) since 2008. MGS must make an effort to reverse this trend. Strategies must be implemented to recruit new members and retain current members.

Membership Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	Income 2011
1. Individual	528	487	463	441	\$ 17,640.00
2. Associate (no <i>Generations</i>)	37	32	33	25	\$ 500.00
3. Institutional	15	15	14	18	\$ 720.00
4. Life (no longer available)	56	60	64	61	
5. Exchange (other Societies)	80	78	77	75	
6. Branches, Libraries	14	15	15	15	
7. Heritage Canada	1	1	1	1	
9. No mailout of <i>Generations</i>	26	31	36	29	
Total	757	719	703	665	\$ 18,860.00
<u>Branches</u>					
Beautiful Plains	27	26	5	30	
Dauphin	14	13	29	6	
Southeast & Winnipeg	135	110	119	114	
South West	80	71	67	60	
Swan Valley	5	5	6	5	
Total	261	225	226	213	

2. Membership Processing

The Membership Committee is trying to streamline the process to save time and money. For example, New Members' Packets will now be e-mailed to members with e-mail. Other suggestions from members are welcome.

3. Continuous Membership Awards

These awards are given to members with consecutive membership for 10, 15, 20, and 25 years. The awards are published in the December issue of *Generations*.

4. Thank You to Volunteers

A big thank you to Susan and Jean for all their hard work in processing the memberships and preparing reports. If anyone would like to join our team, please contact Janice.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Debbie Degryse Clark, MGS #4626

It has been another great year for MGS.

This year we welcomed a new *Generations* editor, David Farmer. Dave has been doing great things with our journal. We have also made an Electronic version available to our members. This saves the Society costs in printing and postage and members get their issue much faster. Also, e-mail and website links in the journal are clickable, making each issue that much more user-friendly.

Some changes to our website include the plan a password-protected section on our website for the benefit of our members. We have added the ability for people to give on-line donations. We will eventually add this convenience to research, memberships and more. Some old issues of *Generations* have been added to the website. Eventually, they will all be available in the Members Only section.

As I complete my last year as the VP Communications, I would like to thank so many of the great MGS volunteers who made my job much easier.

If you haven't volunteered lately, MGS could always use your help.

GENERATIONS

David Farmer, MGS #2277

Since the last AGM, a new editor for *Generations* has come onboard. With three issues completed, the transition has gone smoothly with only a few speed bumps along the way. Minor changes have been made to the publication, with the addition of some new features and changes to the format. Excellent articles have been submitted, and there are more to come.

A move to receiving *Generations* electronically has been well received, with over 10 per cent of the membership opting for this new format. This will help reduce the printing and postage costs for the journal and also give members more features (direct links to more information) and faster delivery. The next year will undoubtedly bring more changes to make *Generations* more valuable to the members.

OUTREACH

Chair: Bill Curtis, MGS #2882

This year we participated at the Manitoba Teachers Social Sciences Conference, the Selkirk Highland Gathering, the Fort Richmond Community Club's Active Living Group, the Manitoba Lotteries Diversity Week (offices and casinos), and another week at Folklorama. Some of these events involve being present to answer questions, while others involve (how-to) sessions on genealogy. These all involve many volunteers who are members of our society, and still others who are not. Thanks to all, without whose help these events would not be possible.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Gordon McBean, MGS #3033

In addition to weekly maintenance, work proceeded in the IT upgrade project over the last year. We have almost completed the second phase with the funds provided by The Winnipeg Foundation (\$10,000), donations from the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch (\$2,000) and funds raised with Branch Workshops (\$275).

We have replaced the old CRT monitors with new LCD monitors and the old roller-ball mice with new ball-less ones. We received a donation of six working Dell Tier 1 business computers as well as two additional parts/repair needed machines. This donation of surplus computers was arranged by Shawn Hilts from his employer the UFCW. These computers have been re-imaged with a fresh copy of Windows XP-Pro as well as Office 2003 that matches our current office product (Word, Excel, Access etc.) Over the Easter weekend Shawn Hilts, Chair of the Computer Committee, and I installed these "new-to-us" machines. The data now resides on our network storage device which makes a redundant copy of each file on a second drive. An external drive will create an automatic back up of each file on the NSD (Network Storage Device).

The Network infrastructure has also been upgraded with a donated UPS (uninterruptable power Supply) from UFCWU. This provides battery backup in case of power failure and replaces a unit we had that needed the batteries replaced. Our network switches, routers and NSD are protected in case of power failure.

The existing black eX-Treme computers have been moved to new locations and networked. Our oldest computers were removed. At a later date the eX-Treme computers will be re-imaged and the network cards upgraded to a 10/100 card. This will make these computers faster and extend the life of them for a few more years. Workstations are now available in two additional office locations to serve the needs of the Membership and Financial committees. When not needed for these tasks they can be used by "staff" researchers during peak times when clients need access to public machines. The addition of computers in these areas will allow the membership and financial committees to digitize their workflow and improve efficiencies.

Shawn has also arranged for a server to be donated once it has been decommissioned. This will allow us to start on Phase Three – Data Consolidation.

The replacing of our older micro film/form reader printers with a microfilm/form scanner allows people to view any of our micro-form resources without having to reconfigure the lenses and film holders. They can print to our network printer or save the resulting scan to a file on their USB stick. The ability to make a digital copy of a document will also be a benefit to our volunteer research crew, allowing them to email information to clients.

Some challenges

- **Volunteer Training** - The expectation of our users for nimble assistance on the computers has increased. We offered training for our volunteers which included both best practices and the use of new systems and equipment.
- **Phase III Database consolidation** - We will be moving to a serve- based system where we maintain a single copy of the databases used by all computers. This will take time to compare the various copies currently in place and then create a complete master copy. The added benefit of having a server-hosted environment is that it will take the load off our older computers and they should run faster and extend their life. We will also, in the future, merge the interface of the various data collection in Word, Excel, Access, etc. into a single format that can be searched from a single console on each computer. We are working on possible funding to hire experience in the form of Co-op placement students from Red River College who have the expertise in database creation and data migration.

- **Web services** In the future we are working towards providing a members-only area on our website that will allow our members to log in and access some of our databases from home. We see this as a benefit to our members outside of Winnipeg but will also benefit those inside the perimeter. This will require a redesign of our website and moving it to different server software that includes this feature. This web-based data project will depend on the acquisition of the server and the creation of the central database.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE

Chair: Shawn Hilts, MGS # 5173

Included in above report.

FINANCE REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE

Vacant

FUNDRAISING

Chair: Judith Roe, MGS #4326

Two Raffles were held during the year. One was held for the Christmas Luncheon, the other for Heritage Days' Open House in the spring. The latter generates more income as the public is included as well as the members.

Loonie draws were held at some of the Winnipeg Branch meetings and while these are a lot of fun little revenue is realized.

A contest was introduced to match pictures of adults with their children. This proved to be very hard. I think more work or a session needs to be held on how to identify pictures, matching facial characteristics and clothing styles.

I have been asked by our president Kathy Stokes to clarify when a licence is needed and when it is not as there is ongoing confusion on the subject.

In the past it was assumed that a closed members group with no public participation did not need to apply for a licence to hold a raffle. Not so.

The wording goes somewhat like this: If the intent is to buy a ticket and put it in a raffle bag on the chance of winning a prize, that is called gaming and requires a licence regardless of the group. The key words are intent and chance.

As long as we have raffles of this kind a licence is necessary regardless of the group of people.

The oil paintings on the wall at MGS do not need a licence. They are a true silent auction involving someone who wants to buy and someone who wants to sell. A straight buy/sell with the intent to buy an item is a monetary action. There is no chance involved. The intent is a straight transaction.

There are other forms which require a degree of skill in order to win. An example of this is the Match the Pictures item mentioned earlier. The need for skill to solve the puzzle eliminates chance. No licence is required.

I hope this clears things.

WAYS and MEANS

Chair: Bonnie Bridge, MGS #3395

No committee activity this year.

MGS TREASURER

Rick McLellan, MGS #3353

Treasurer's report follows page 17.

BEAUTIFUL PLAINS BRANCH, MGS Financial Report

Treasurer: Vic Deacon, MGS #4373

Treasurer's report for period 1/10/2010 - 08/9/2011

Balances brought forward	Cash in hand	Bank a/c.
	\$0	\$807.75

Income for year \$1171.69. Comprising MGS and membership fees, meeting collections, cd sales and donations.

Expenditure for year \$917.97. Comprising MGS renewals, cemetery/newspaper project, book purchases, insurance, library shelving, printing, stationery.

Balances carried forward	Cash in hand	Bank a/c.
	\$0	\$1106.12

SOUTHEAST & WINNIPEG BRANCH, MGS Financial Report

Treasurer: David Sutherland, MGS #4122

Income and Loss statement (Amended) (Unreviewed)

Income

Bank:		
Interest Income	\$2.30	
Term GIC 1 Maturity Deposited	\$2,004.00	
GIC 2 Interest	<u>\$20.43</u>	\$2,026.73
Membership:		
MGS Society	\$1,240.00	
Individual Memberships	<u>\$40.00</u>	\$1,280.00
Donations:		
Research		\$20.00
Seminar:		
Support Donations	\$600.00	
Syllabus Advertising	<u>\$30.00</u>	\$630.00
Seminars (For Equipment Purchases)		
1 Day Seminars		<u>\$325.00</u>
Total Income:		<u>\$4,281.73</u>

Expense

Bank Charges		\$0.00
Office Expenses		
Resource Center Rental	\$0.00	
Photocopying	<u>\$19.30</u>	\$19.30
Honorarium		
Honorarium Paid	\$100.00	
Honorarium Paid and Donated to Library	<u>\$325.00</u>	\$425.00
MGS Library		
Ancestry (\$435.75 US)	\$466.69	
Newspaper Archive	<u>\$101.64</u>	\$568.33
Computer Equipment/Upgrades/Software		
MGS Equipment Upgrades	\$2,000.00	
Ezine	<u>\$27.00</u>	\$2,027.00
Fall Seminar		
Printing and Copying	\$147.69	
Postage	<u>\$24.78</u>	\$172.47
Total Expenses:		<u>\$3,212.10</u>
Profit/(Loss)		<u>\$1,069.63</u>

Notes:

1. Cheque #21 Void
2. Cheque #33 MGS Library \$200.00 Outstanding
3. \$20.00 cash membership put into petty cash.
4. Newspaper Archive paid via Rick McLellan Visa – Rick was reimbursed.
5. E-zine paid through Gord McBean – Gord reimbursed.
6. Motion made to pay rent in May 2010 but no rent appears to have been paid.

Southeast & Winnipeg Branch, MGS

Balance Sheet (unreviewed)

Assets

Bank Balance as May 1, 2010	\$4,712.16
Net Income / loss	<u>\$1,069.63</u>
Bank Balance at April 30 th , 2011	\$5,781.79

Investments

GIC Term 2 June 16, 2012	\$2,037.81
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Petty Cash

Balance	<u>\$22.22</u>
	<u>\$7,841.82</u>

Notes:

None

SOUTH WEST BRANCH, MGS Financial Report

Treasurer: Vivian Privat, MGS #3412

Annual Treasurer's report

Jan 1 2010 – December 31 2010

1010	Reg. Acc't Crocus Credit Union	2,439.85
1100	Petty Cash	100.00
1202	T Bill Mutual Fund	<u>10,132.05</u>
	Total Current	<u>12,671.90</u>

RECEIPTS

4102	SWB Memberships	572.00
4300	Research Income	25.00
4301	1901 Census sales	133.89
4302	Library and Other Pub. Sales	144.50
4304	Cemetery Index sales	245.26
4305	Interest on T-Bill Mutual Fund	36.37
4400	Heritage Dinner	592.00
4404	Workshop Apr. 24, 10	1,230.00
4405	Library guest fee & photocopying	27.25
4406	Other Income	35.15
4408	Donations	32.00
	Total Income	\$3,073.42

EXPENDITURES

4100	Net MGS Membership	10.00
5103	Office Supplies expense	38.65
5104	Newsletter expense	100.75
5105	Stamps for Newsletters & Exchanges	191.96
5106	1901 Census expense	100.92
5110	Miscellaneous	0.00
5112	Heritage Dinner	492.00
5113	Postage (excl. Newsletters)	21.29
5117	Workshop Bdn. Apr. 24, 10	792.19
5119	Outreach & Member Expense	14.07
5124	General Meeting expense	25.26
5125	Ruth Tester award	44.24
5126	Program/guest speaker	0.00
5128	Library - rent & insurance	656.00
5129	Books for Library	84.91
5131	SWB website (new 2010)	456.96
	Total Expenses	<u>\$3,029.70</u>

NET PROFIT **\$43.72**

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH, MGS Financial Report

Treasurer: Helen Ellingson, MGS #2627L

Financial Statement for 2010

11 March Memberships	20.00	
Research	20.10	
16 Sept Memberships	30.00	
Cemetery Asset (Sales)	8.16	
Total	78.26	
 Chequing	 579.03	
 Income	 78.26	
Total Dec 31 2010	657.29	
 Plan 24	 36.25	
 Assets		
Fiche reader	150.00	bought in 1989
Microfilm	5,978.34	bought in 1990
Filing Cabinet	298.64	bought in 1999
Total Assets	6,426.98	
 Total		
Assets	6,426.98	
Cash	657.29	
Plan 24	36.25	
Total	7,120.52	