

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

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April 10, 2019

April 10, 2019, regular AGS Board meeting was called to order by President Linda Koch at 1:10 PM in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Main Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor NE Corner.

**The following persons were present.**

**Elected Officers:**

- Linda Koch, *President*
- Martin Brady, *Vice-President*
- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Moderator*
- Bob Harper, *Treasurer & Publicity*
- Nancy Greenberg, *Member-at-Large (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term)*
- John Farris, *Past President & DNA SIG Moderator*

**Appointed Committee Moderators:**

- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
- Lark Robart, *Database Manager, Membership & Saturday Research Days*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic Research SIG Moderator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*

**The following persons were absent.**

**Elected Officers:**

- Karen Gmyr, *Member-at-Large (1<sup>st</sup> consecutive term)*

**Appointed Committee Moderators:**

- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter & Bookkeeper*
- Louise Rosett, *Online Book Sales*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- Mike Wilson, *Webmaster*
- VACANT, *Historian*

**Business Items**

**Linda Koch (President):** Linda asked for corrections to the March 13, 2019 set of minutes. Several misspellings were identified and corrected. The minutes were approved with the identified spelling corrections. Linda reported Lisa Kindrick's conversation about rebinding the eleven books recently digitized. Lisa asked if AGS would be willing to absorb the cost of rebinding the eleven books (estimated cost \$110). John made a motion to have the treasurer pay for rebinding the eleven books up to \$200 maximum cost. Nancy Greenberg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The

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motion passed, Vote: Yea 6, Nays 0, no abstentions. Linda reported Mike Wilson has the contact link working. The contact link used to go directly to the president's email, but now it goes to [info@abqgen.org](mailto:info@abqgen.org), which forwards to Mike Wilson. Then he passes it on to the president, or someone else if it's appropriate. Mike has received two or three messages that way so far. Linda reported Lisa Kindrick provided a list of approved genealogists to act on genealogy informational requests. Tiffani said she would like to be on the list. Linda reported future requests should contact Lisa to have their name added to the approved list.

**Martin Brady (Vice-President):** Marty reported receiving an email about Molly Shannon's email from Family History Daily advertising discounts for members and rebates to organizations who sign up for their classes. The promotional offering is \$15 or \$30 referral bonus for organizations by offering members a discount. Marty has requested additional information but had not received any further information at the time of the board meeting. Discussion continued among the board about the validity of the information and wisdom of backing these types of requests. Marty will follow up at the next meeting with additional information. Marty reported the old membership email blast was limited to a message length of 40 kilobytes. Rosemary made a change to the email server to now allow expanded messages with attachments to be sent. This improvement allows for easier editing and longer messages to be sent out.

**Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):** Stuart reported on last Military Research Day with poor attendance (only 4 people). Discussion followed about possible remedies to improve attendance by getting the word out including looking at surveys, dates and times. Stuart will follow up next meeting. Stuart asked if the Board wants to post the minutes to the AGS website. Stuart suggested limiting the minutes posted to a couple of months. John made a motion to post 3 months of the minutes to the AGS website with a rotation as the newest dated minutes are added then the oldest dated minutes are dropped from the website. Bob Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Vote: Yea 6, Nay 0, No abstentions.

**Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):** Bob passed around the March 2019 publicity list. Bob reported he doesn't get a lot of response from these groups. Bob reported AGS has been invited to speak at the Celtic festival on May 4<sup>th</sup> for 45 minutes at 11 am. Marty Brady will speak about Celtic DNA, Linda Koch about her Irish ancestry, and Carole Everton or Bob Harper will speak about the AGS Celtic Research SIG. Discussion followed about the publicity list and it was suggested a brief description be added about the next month's program. Bob reported on May 10<sup>th</sup>, John Farris (DNA) and others will talk to the Irish Society members. Bob will hand out flyers at the Celtic festival in the Irish Society's booth. Nancy Greenberg reported additional AGS trifold flyers are ready for pickup from the printer. Bob reported he paid off the AGS portion of the new library scanner cost. Bob reported AGS now has an updated TechSoup account. Dal Jensen can download his approved programs (estimated cost of \$110), and small expense items. AGS has a balance of over 29 thousand dollars after the scanner and other small expenses were paid.

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**John Farris (Past-President & DNA SIG):** John reported DNA SIG is coming along with about 20 people in attendance. John reported a lot of people sharing a variety of experiences. John reported all of Howard Henry's books have been scanned and uploaded to Archive.org. The eleven missing books found had to be ripped apart for digital scanning. John reported it would be good to have the books rebound (see motion above). John reported Howard Henry has been shown about the uploaded books and he is pleased.

**Karen Gmyr (Member-at-Large):** Excused Absence. Email from Karen to Linda said she will return next month as tax season will be over.

**Nancy Greenberg (Member-at-Large):** Nancy reported ordering prime time calendar notices through the July issue. Nancy asked if AGS is going to advertise the conference through prime time. Nancy reported first of the advanced classes on Military was held and had about 10 people.

#### Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

**Carole Everton (Celtic Research SIG Moderator)** Carole decided the May Celtic Research SIG group meeting will be canceled due to the main library-wide carpet installation from May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>. This month Celtic Research SIG members shared stories of ancestors. In April Mike Blackledge will come at 2:00 to talk briefly about writing up those stories.

**Louise Rosett (Book Ordering & eBay Book Sales):** Louise was not present. Louise sent an email to Linda and Stuart about eBay sales for March with 8 books sold. PayPal account balance is \$851.86 as of March 31. John Farris reported he worked with Lisa Kindrick on a new book list to be submitted to the library for purchase. Lisa told John she put in the request but it was denied by upper management for this fiscal year. Her order will be placed sometime after 01 July 2019. John proposed having Louise contact Lisa about the list, and see how many of the books can be bought out of the PayPal account. John would like permission to interface with Louise for purchasing a portion of Lisa's book list. The board gave consent to John to proceed.

**Lark Robart (Database Manager, Membership & Saturday Research Day):** Lark reported Saturday Research Day was quiet but busy. There were not a huge number of people. The Board suggested advertising the May Saturday Research Day since the Library will be closed and the May Tuesday Research Day is canceled. Marty will send an email blast to the membership about the library closure. Linda will have Mike Wilson post the library closure to the AGS website with dates. Lark reported on the Monthly membership and the membership database has been purged of non-paying members. Lark created a new category of how many members did not renew their membership. Discussion followed about genealogy club membership and possible educational opportunities.

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**Lynda Katonak (Tuesday Research Days):** Lynda reported 60 sign-ins at the last research day. Lynda reported AGS has a good depth of experienced volunteers to handle questions. We had a much smaller number of outsiders with most members in attendance. Susan Johnston gave a good class on the library's immigration books. Lynda reported a planned mini-class on the Sanborn maps for June since the library will be closed for the Tuesday, May Research Day. Discussion continued about volunteers with no action taken.

**Victoria Sullivan (Education):** Victoria reported beginner's classes did not attract overwhelming numbers. Victoria didn't think anything was wrong as it was publicized widely. She said we may have reached most of our beginners so far. Victoria offered to teach a 2<sup>nd</sup> beginner set of classes but needs a good date. Discussion continued around the October/November timeframe might be good for a fall session. Discussion continued how classes attract new members and how to improve publicizing classes. Victoria will look into the October/November dates possibly after the Balloon Festival.

**Frankie Ewing (Programs):** Frankie reported good program today from Linda Koch. The next program will be by Paul Rhett about "Creating Biographical Timelines for Our Ancestors". Frankie reported she will give Rosemary the conference registration form to include in the May Quarterly. They will track registration information through a spreadsheet. Mike Wilson will be given the conference information to post on the AGS website by May 1st. The registration price will remain constant throughout the registration. A conference flyer will be inserted into the August Quarterly. Nancy Greenberg reported four choices for bagged lunches will be listed on the flyer. Frankie is working with Cassidy (Al's Big Dipper) to organize lunches. The registration form will list the four choices, the person registering will indicate their choice and the individual will pay for the lunch when they pick it up. It will simplify the process and the lunch will contain a sandwich or salad, drink, and cookie.

**Dal Jensen (IT Team):** Not present.

**Rosemary McNerney-Winkler (Quarterly & Bookkeeper):** Not present. Rosemary emailed the Financial Report. Linda Koch reported Rosemary's deadline for articles in the next Quarterly publication is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tiffani Loiacono (Hospitality):** Linda reported a person on Lark's list interested in Hospitality. A name was given to Tiffani. Discussion continued about how the August program is summer stories and usually, refreshments are provided.

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**Charlotte Green (Used Book Sales):** Charlotte reported everything is covered for the April book sale. Charlotte plans to load and bring the books to the library Friday afternoon April 19<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Kindrick<sup>2s</sup> has provided tables for display. Charlotte said she could use help to set them out. She reported there are over 60 NM magazines bound by year (some into the 1930s) and might leave those in the boxes. Rest of the books will be located on the tables. The sale hours will be April 20th 10 am to 1 pm. The book list was sent out to members via email and the book list is on the AGS Website. Lisa Kindrick is going to set out the flyer at the Friends Book Sales this Saturday. Louise will take the leftovers books and put them on eBay after the sale.

**Michael Wilson (AGS Webmaster):** Not Present: Linda Koch read Mike's email she received. Mike's email content *"I don't really have much to report and am not planning on coming to the board meeting tomorrow. I met with Henrietta Christmas to find out what the NMGS has been doing with regard to PayPal, etc. One thing she told me is that they are paying about \$400 per year for Wix.com. That is not just for the forms & payment interface, though, but for the whole website package. I think a good choice for us for forms & payment on our website would be Jotform.com. That is the place I mentioned last month that has a 50%-off deal for nonprofits. Taking that into account, their pricing is about \$8 per month for up to 100 payments per month or about \$16 per month for up to 1000 payments per month."* John made a motion to allow Mike to pursue the \$8/mo. for 100 transactions per month. Bob Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion: 100 persons might be Ok. What happens if we go over 100 transactions per month? The recommendation was to try the 100 transactions per month and see where it goes. The motion passed, Vote: Yea 6, Nay 0, no abstentions. Linda will give the question about exceeding the transactions per month to Mike to report next meeting.

**Historian (Vacant):** Excused Absence

**Other Business:** None

The Board adjourned at 2:43 PM.



Secretary

May 8, 2019

Date