

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

MAIN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

February 13, 2019

The February 13, 2019, regular AGS Board meeting was called to order by President Linda Koch at 1:15 PM in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Main Library 2nd Floor Board room.

The following persons were present.

Elected Officers:

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

Appointed Committee Moderators:

- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
- Louise Rosett, *Online Book Sales*
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Tiffany Loiacono, *Hospitality*

The following persons were absent.

Elected Officers:

- Karen Gmyr, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term)*

Appointed Committee Moderators:

- Lark Robart, *Database Manager, Membership and Saturday Research Days*
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- Mike Wilson, *Webmaster*
- VACANT, *Historian*

Linda Koch (President): Linda Koch called for any changes to the Agenda. Being none, she accepted the agenda as presented. Linda Koch asked for any changes to the minutes as presented, being none, Linda Koch made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Harper 2nd the motion. The motion passed on 6 Yea, 0 Nay votes. Tifanni Loiacono was welcomed to the Board as a Hospitality representative. Linda reported about the new microfilm scanner on loan to the Main Library. The following issues involved pictures copied to flash drives appeared dark, the device was locking up and generally learning how to use the device. The vendor has adjusted the device

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to resolve the dark images. Bob Harper will give an update next month. Linda reported only two people signed up the transcription request from Barbara Dobson. Linda reported she had received Lisa Kindrick's wish list for Library equipment and read it to the Board. Further discussion revolved about a yearly replacement for the microfilm scanners since the existing ones are no longer manufactured. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be drafted by the secretary for review by the Executive Board toward the shared purchase of a new single replacement microfilm scanner between NMGS and AGS. Another item from Lisa's wish list is a handheld wireless presenter remote with laser pointer for use during presentations. This will allow the presenter to advance slides from their computer and a laser pointer for highlighting the item shown on the screen. John Farris made a motion to purchase the laser pointer with a maximum cost of \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) and 2nd by Nancy Greenberg. Motion passed on 6 Yea, 0 Nay votes. Along the subject lines of wireless devices, Stuart Murray will look into a wireless microphone for use with the amplifier used in the community room and report back next meeting. Linda reported Lisa would like to digitize the Albuquerque Journal printed index involving 47 fiches. The cost will be less than \$300.00. John Farris made a motion to approve the project with the cost not to exceed \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars). Bob Harper 2nd the motion. Motion passed on 6 Yea, 0 Nay votes. Linda reported Dal Jensen is requesting two copies of the Adobe Acrobat Pro software at \$55.00 a copy. Bob Harper made a motion to purchase two copies at \$55.00 per copy. Nancy Greenberg 2nd the motion. Motion passed on 6 Yea, 0 Nay votes.

Martin Brady (Vice-President): Nothing to report.

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG): Stuart reported there have been requests on Facebook for assistance. If the request cannot be resolved online, the request will be forwarded to Lisa Kindrick, ABQ librarian for further assistance. Bob Harper will be a FaceBook contact. Stuart reported the Military Research SIG had only 5 in attendance. Stuart also reported on the possible purchase of a high-speed photo/document scanner and will report back next meeting. Stuart asked if the current format for the minutes and agenda was acceptable and it is.

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity): Bob Harper reported AGS has \$31,951.00 currently in the bank. He also reported that even with the postal cost increase, our mailing cost is essentially unchanged. Bob requested from Rosemary to have the Quarterly newsletter printed by the Friday before distribution so he can fold and staple over the weekend. Bob reported on publicity and had a request to make a presentation at the Irish American Society. He reported we could share a booth with the Irish American Society at the upcoming Celtic Festival on May 5th and 6th. The number of tri-fold flyers (2000) and the cost were discussed. Nancy Greenberg will get the flyers printed.

John Farris (Past-President & DNA SIG): John reported his last article in the Quarterly had a mistake but corrected it on Facebook and on the AGS Website. A correction will also be put in

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the next Quarterly release. John reported on the last DNA SIG meeting attendance and the rapidly changing DNA technology. John reported on a good response to his letter to the New Mexico Library system. It went out in three formats (Quarterly, Facebook, and email to the NM Library System.) Another 10 hardbound documents were found and Lisa Kindricks is looking for softbound copies so they can be scanned (it requires ripping the binding off the book for scanning.) Charlotte Green will search her book inventory for softbound copies too. John reported Lisa Kindrick showed Howard Henry the plaque in the library with his name and John demonstrated how Howard's books were displayed on the Internet.

Karen Gmyr (Member-at-Large): Excused Absence

Nancy Greenberg (Member-at-Large): Nancy reported on the Prime Time subscription. Nancy reported on the handout for Victoria Sullivan's and Nancy's Genealogy class schedules. Nancy has printed out 500 copies for distribution.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

Carole Everton (Celtic Research SIG) Carol reported that Lisa and Carol setup for Celtic meetings and the SIG is getting more attendance. Carol reported getting misprints about Celtic meeting times and as a result, people are arriving late. Carol reported the Library is going to make a permanent setup in the NE corner soon. Carol suggested the preferred name is the Celtic Research SIG and future references include that change.

Louise Rosett (Book Ordering & eBay Book Sales): Louise reported the January sales were slower with 8 books sold for a total of \$135.90 net income, she purchased 62 books at a cost of \$1315.83. Three book requests were received from members and she bought 59 books from Heritage Book Sales. Heritage offered 30% off any Heritage book. Louise paid for 3 subscriptions (\$180) to the Library and 191 books are listed on the eBay website. Charlotte has a set of books documenting the military actions of the Civil War for Louise to sell online. Because book sets are hard to sell online, Lisa Kindrick is investigating the best way to distribute the books. Lisa may offer them to another library if they will pay the shipping. The PayPal account is now down to \$522 as of January 31st.

Lark Robart (Database Manager & Membership + Saturday Research Day): Excused Absence, the current Membership report was sent to the AGS President and Secretary.

Lynda Katonak (Tuesday Research Days): (As reported by Linda Koch) Lynda reported an uptick in attendance at the last Tuesday Research Day (60 as compared to typical 40-50 sign-ins). Lynda reported she thought more members were picking up their Quarterly Newsletter saving on postal costs. Some sign-ins reported seeing the notices and decided to get started on family research after the holiday rush. The genealogy floor tour well received. Next possible tour will be on the new material recently installed on the Local Area Network (LAN) computers, although the tour hasn't been confirmed yet. Lynda reported for March Research Day, Sue

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Johnston will be showing volunteers how to use the Passenger List Series of books as well as showing everyone how to research that information online, and what are the advantages of each. Lynda is trying to add something new at each Tuesday Research Day this year.

Victoria Sullivan (Education): Victoria reported on her basic genealogy class schedule this March. Victoria asked for John Farris' assistance for the DNA section. John agreed.

Frankie Ewing (Programs): Frankie reported good attendance to the last general membership meeting (approx. 70). Good response to Karen Jones presentation. No change to the March general membership meeting with Mike Dietz. Frankie reported the 2019 AGS Calendar was printed in black and white. Color cost prohibitive, but available online in color from the AGS Website. Frankie reported September Conference Flyer needs to be in the next Quarterly. Restaurant downstairs can provide box lunches (lunch preferences should be included in the flyer registration). Frankie is in discussions with Mike Wilson to put registration online. Frankie discussed the September Conference contents to the Board.

Dal Jensen (IT Team): Not present.

Rosemary McNerney-Winkler (Quarterly & Bookkeeper): Rosemary reported there will be no writing contest this year as low responses make it unsustainable. Rosemary reported she has filed reports with the IRS and State Attorney General for the year. Rosemary asked for Quarterly submissions no later April 15th.

Tiffani Loiacono (Hospitality): No report, still learning the ropes.

Charlotte Green (Used Book Sales): Charlotte reported she received 38 boxes of books from the Haynes' LDS library room. She received a lot of newsletters as a result of the donation and has been distributing them for free during research and membership meetings. She reported entering 1100 books into the database. She reported the AGS Book Sale is coming up April 20th on the 2nd floor of the main library. She would like to get the list out to all members, via publicity, and to all NM librarians. Any books left over after the sale might be possibly discounted. More discussion to follow. Any newsletters left over after the sale will be recycled.

Michael Wilson (AGS Webmaster): Excused absence. Linda Koch reported from Mike no update on the website and he is working on installing PayPal to the website AGS registration. Tiffani offered to have a webmaster contact Mike for help installing PayPal.

Historian (Vacant): Excused Absence

Other Business: Shirley Atkinson reported on the grant committee status. The list was scrutinized and reduced to only one item that might be worthy of seeking grant funds. Shirley reported and discussed looking at expanding an AGS Conference at a future date with sufficient planning, venue, speakers and cost. Motion: John Farris moved to pursue and report on the grant process after the September conference. Nancy Greenberg 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6 Yea, 0 Nay votes recorded.

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The Board adjourned at 3:15 PM.



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Secretary

March 13, 2019

Date

Addendum: February 25, 2019 email motion to allocate \$4000.00 (four thousand dollars) toward the shared purchase of a microfilm scanner. **Motion (by Stuart Murray): I move that the Albuquerque Genealogical Society pay \$4000.00 (four thousand dollars) toward the purchase of the ST Scanview 4 microfilm viewer as described in the attachment "Albuq Main Library Genealogy Dept 2-2109.pdf" for use on the Albuquerque Main Library Genealogy floor. 2nd by Martin Brady.**

Vote: 6 yea, 0 nay, 1 no response. Motion approved. Email voting attachment included with minutes. MOU for NMGS and AGS sent to Lisa Kindrick 5 March 2019 to hold for signatures between the respective organizational officers. Actual cost to AGS is \$3665.00 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five dollars).