

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

MAIN LIBRARY 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room

May 8, 2019

May 8, 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*
- Karen Gmyr, *Member-at-Large (1<sup>st</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*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic Research SIG Moderator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Tiffany Loiacono, *Hospitality*

**Elected Officers absent.**

- Nancy Greenberg, *Member-at-Large (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term)*

**Committee Moderators absent:**

- Mike Wilson, *Webmaster*
- Lark Robart, *Database Manager, Membership & Saturday Research Days*
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter & Bookkeeper*
- Louise Rosett, *Online Book Sales*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- VACANT, *Historian*

**Business Items**

**Linda Koch (President):** The April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as read. Open issues: 1) the funding of the public library. Tim Keller's response to Stuart was discussed. President Koch asked if we wanted as a Board to draft a letter to Mayor Keller's office expressing support of the Library System. Karen Gmyr made a motion to approve sending a letter to the Mayor supporting the Library funding. John Farris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion. The board should address the letter to both the Mayor and City Council. List the merits of the organization and what the library does for the organization. Stuart will draft a letter.

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Vote: Yea (6), Nea (0), Abstain 0

Further discussion about spending on library acquisitions, John Farris reported he has communicated to Lisa an approved list. However, Lisa cannot spend on books until July. AGS can order some books but should not purchase the entire list. Lisa needs to spend her budget as well. Louise Rosett is aware and will order some when she returns from her trip. Stuart made a motion to approve the purchase list of books up to a maximum of \$600. John Farris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion: Is the vote necessary? Louise has had the discretion to purchase books before. Is there a line item in the budget for books (maybe up to \$2000.00)? The treasurer will look into the budget question. Vote: Yea ( 6), Nea ( 0 ) Abstain. (Agenda Item next meeting – Do we need a limit on book purchases?)

**Martin Brady (Vice-President):** Marty reported he never heard back from Family History. The website has some interesting articles, however, no response was received and the board will take no further action.

**Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):** Stuart reported he will be on vacation June and July. He reported Military Research Day (MRD) still had low numbers. Stuart reported on the results of the informal survey. He reported he might change up the format. It was suggested an email blast out to the membership might be good, along with his email list. It was also suggested he look at doing something with holidays.

**Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):** Bob gave the treasurers report. He mentioned spending on expenses, new scanner cost was recorded. Bob just ordered the Brother photo scanner/printer for the genealogy floor and it should be in within the week. It was reported Bruce Lindell did a good job on German genealogy and as well as John Farris on DNA for the German-American Club. Good questions were asked by club members. The Celtic festival, it was felt, had inadequate facilities. AGS representatives had a lot of one on one. Bob reported he handed out lots of pamphlets. Victoria, Tiffani, Lark, Bob, Marty participated. Bob reported he left about 3:30 pm on Sunday. The public comments were “we didn’t know you existed”. It was a productive weekend. Bob is meeting Friday with the Celtic group. He thought it would be good to participate next year. AGS members will setup this Friday (6:30 pm) for the Irish-American group. Linda will share Ireland trip and slides. John will cover Celtic or Irish DNA. Bob will bring brochures. Should AGS pass out Library Genealogy brochures along with the AGS? Bob reported Dal is updating the Windows OS and wants 10 sets of Window 10 at \$16/ea. (\$160). Linda Koch made a motion to approve the purchase of Windows 10 upgrades at \$16/ea. for a total of \$160. Karen Gmyr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote: Yea (6), Nea (0), Abstain 0.

**John Farris (Past-President & DNA SIG):** John reported the DNA SIG doing fine and had 18 people last meeting. He is pleased with the level of participation. Nancy Greenberg gave John an article on Jewish DNA he found very interesting. John reported he copied the board with his DNA SIG article via email.

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**Karen Gmyr (Member-at-Large):** Nothing.

**Nancy Greenberg (Member-at-Large):** Excused Absence. Out sick. Linda Koch reported Nancy's final class will be this Saturday on Breaking through Brick Walls. John Farris sent an email to Nancy and asked the last class to have a signup sheet. All our SIGs have their own email lists. John suggested the class member could mark the box of what they are interested in and maybe do this for Research Days too. When people sign in, they could mark what SIG they are interested along with their email address.

**Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:**

**Carole Everton (Celtic Research SIG Moderator)** Carole reported 41 people signed in and 5 guests were noted for today's meeting. Carole reported Mike Blackledge gave an interesting presentation at last Celtic meeting. It was a motivation to get people writing, however, Carole felt their members were not quite ready yet.

**Louise Rosett (Book Ordering & eBay Book Sales):** Excused Absence. 3 books sold, see the report. The eBay store was closed for 3 weeks while she was out of town.

**Lark Robart (Database Manager, Membership & Saturday Research Day):** Excused Absence. Lark did send in a Membership report with a total of 238 members, 136 renewals, 33 dual memberships, 23 new applications, and 5 dual memberships. Discussion continued about numbers and volunteers. Good interest from people.

**Lynda Katonak (Tuesday Research Days):** Lynda reported 55 persons signed-in at last research day. No research day for this month (last Tuesday, May). A board member asked about members versus new attendees? Lynda reported an estimated 40 members and 15 non-members were present. Some are NMGS, some new people. Discussion continued about promoting how much we do for people and meetings rather than push membership applications. Lynda plans to cover the Sanborn maps in June on the genealogy floor. A Channel 13 story was discussed about a stolen car and photos recovered and our response to help find the owners. (After the AGS Board meeting adjourned, the story was aired by Channel 13 about the photos, but no mention of AGS was reported.)

**Victoria Sullivan (Education):** Victoria reported she gave an advanced class with Nancy Greenberg. She reported looking at the second series of beginner's classes sometime in October/November. Victoria reported she will not be here next month.

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**Frankie Ewing (Programs):** Frankie reported good program today with Paul Rhett. He will send out slides. Remember the honorarium increased to \$100. Bob will send Frankie a check. Frankie sent the registration forms out in the last Quarterly. They are on the AGS website too (May 1). Julie Miller's husband will attend the dinner (may require additional funds to cover that expense). She reported AGS to get started on publicity. Maybe look at DAR, SAR, and others. AGS will need volunteers such as a lunch coordinator, an IT aide to assist Julie for the meeting, welcome table volunteers. Frankie will pick up Julie Miller and her husband at the airport. Frankie will send out an email blast for volunteers. Tiffani will pick up bottled water for the meeting. Frankie talked to Cassidy about lunch. Al's Big Dipper will not accept checks or credit cards, just cash. Discussion continued about the possibility of Walk-ins, how to handle lunch, and a map showing local restaurants. Discussion about the registration process was mentioned.

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

**Rosemary McNerney-Winkler (Quarterly & Bookkeeper):** Excused absence. AGS board received the Financial Report.

**Tiffani Loiacono (Hospitality):** Tiffani reported she will not be here for June and July meeting. But will be ready for the August general meeting.

**Charlotte Green (Used Book Sales):** Charlotte reported she had good help. Lisa contacted maintenance and brought up 12 tables to stack books. Less than 20 people at the book sale. (timing was probably not good for the Saturday before Easter). She sent out the list at the beginning of the month and people forgot 20 days later. She said she should have sent our reminder before book sales. Charlotte reported \$495 in sales and took home 40 boxes. Louise will go through the list and put them up on eBay. Discussion: Pleased with setup and sale. In the future – keep the sale on Saturday and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Charlotte is looking at Nov 16<sup>th</sup> for the next sale. No conflict with Thanksgiving. An eblast should be sent two days before the sale. She is working on the list to send out information. Lisa picked out duplicate books to send to the Estancia library as seed books. A Set of 117 books will go to Belen library. Charlotte received an email today about a donation of 3 boxes. Lisa will contact the person and have them delivered to Cherry Hill library for transport down to the main library.

**Michael Wilson (AGS Webmaster):** Excused Absence. Sent email with the update. Linda read the email to the board. Karen tested the online membership form out ([abqgen.org/membershiptest.html](http://abqgen.org/membershiptest.html)). Discussion continued about the PDF versus the web form. What should be included online? Mike and Lark should meet to resolve differences.

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**Historian (Vacant):** Excused Absence

**Other Business:** None

The Board adjourned at 2:48 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stuart E. Munnay".

Secretary

10 June 2019

Date