

Norman County Genealogy Society
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:40 am on February 16, 2008 at the Summerfield Apartments in Ada, MN.

Present:

Roland Carpenter, Ardis Horn, Deb Jacobson, Shirley Rockstad, and Marijo Vik.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes for January, 2008 and the minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account as of January 31, 2008 at \$1,156.67. Dues have been paid by 15 members, both local and out of town.

Correspondence and Queries received since the last meeting

- Marijo received a notice that the e-mail address for Teri Smith teri.smith@vcsu.edu is no longer valid.
- Marijo received a notice that e-mail could not be delivered to the following addresses: prairiedogred@gmail.net and bbganther@coiinc.com

Ongoing Projects

- The Ada Cemetery Project – Roland suggested that we might go as a group to help catalog various cemeteries. **No update available.**
- The Augustana Lutheran Church Cemetery Project – **Update:** Deb and Pat continue to work and do research on this project and have now identified over 700 gravesites.
- Norman County School Project – **Update:** Roland obtained an extensive list from the Minnesota Historical Society of all original schools in Norman County. To get teachers and students names, they would have to copy each individual school's records. Since our ad has been placed in the Norman County Index, we've received several bits of information including: a copy of a 1916 Souvenir which lists the teachers and students in District #48 from Dave Hanson; information from Marion Lee Gullickson from Beltrami concerning District #72 – Plathe Park school, which list teachers for 8 years; a souvenir from District #54 from 1930 listing teachers and students; as well as letters and phone calls about other districts. The 3-ring binder of information was given to Marijo for entry. Deb will send the database to Marijo. Roland will get the map laminated and put information about each school into an envelope to file. We will cross reference the School District number, name and township.

Possible Future Projects

- Index the Norman County township books – **No action taken to date.**
- Obtain and digitize the records from Grace Lutheran Church – **No action taken to date.**
- Obtain missing information about confirmation classes from area churches – **No action taken to date.**

Old Business:

- Request from Sebastian Nelson, Sacramento, CA for a picture of the Civil War Veterans from Norman County. **No action taken to date.**
- Involvement of Norman County Genealogy Society in "Sugarfest" celebration in Ada. **No action taken to date.**
- We need to organize our records at the Log Museum as soon as we're able to get into the building this spring.

New Business:

- Deb has the 2007 Obits pasted up and ready to be copied and digitized. We've learned from Roger that he will be retiring from GR Graphics soon, so we need to think about how we will continue to digitize the obits. A motion was made and seconded that we purchase the necessary Adobe software. Carried.
- We will also need to purchase supplies for our 2007 Obit books, including binders and sheet protectors. We will need to create and distribute four sets.
- Deb got the old scrapbooks from the Log Museum, which are full of obits, weddings, and articles about military service. She scanned all we didn't have in our records.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at Noon by Roland Carpenter, President.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 am on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Summerfield apartments, 101 – 1st Street East, Ada, MN.

Minutes submitted by: *Marijo Vik*, Secretary