

**Norman County Genealogy Society**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2009

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:47 am on January 17, 2009 at Summerfield Place, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Ada, MN.

**Present:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

The November meeting was cancelled because too many people called to say they could not come. There is no meeting normally held in December. Therefore, Marijo read the October minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for October 18, 2008. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account was \$842.33 as of January 13, 2009. She has received four more memberships since then, which are not included in this amount.

**Correspondence and Requests:**

- Deb sent a cemetery form to Lila Hegrenes. Nothing more has been heard from Lila.
- We received the book "Twin Valley Community Saga Centennial 1886-1986" from Alden Anderson. It will be returned to the log museum.
- Ardis has been corresponding regarding an Aalgaard family.
- Ardis asked about the newsletter and to whom it was sent. Marijo explained that the newsletter is sent by e-mail, except for about eight members who get a "hard copy" mailing. Patricia Petry was asking about getting a newsletter. Marijo said she would check to see if she has her as a member.

**Ongoing Projects:**

- Norman County School Project – **Update:** Alton Anderson of the Norman County Historical Society loaned a photo album to Shirley Rockstad. Marijo took the album and she will scan the contents and save as .pdf files. Roland will call Eric Bergeson regarding his father, Paul, and his aunt Olivia. In October, Marijo went out to the log museum with Solvieg Kitchell and found more data and photos for the project. Roland discussed the possibility of writing for a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society. Ardis brought up the name of a retired person who might be willing to help us write a grant. Shirley will check regarding information on SD 73 – Franklin School.
- Oral Histories Project – **Update:** Marijo reported that she interviewed her mother but it was not a good interview because of her mother's failing memory. Marijo said she had narrowed down the questions and thought it was a good questionnaire. It was suggested that other people to interview might be Jeannette Stadum; Dr. Byron Kincaide; Rodin Salverson; and John Pfund. However, it was agreed that we should concentrate on the school project.
- Obituaries - **Update:** Deb reported that all names are entered in the master index and it should be ready by April. Motion and second to allow Deb to take to CopyMax for printing. Carried. We will take an inventory of the obituaries this spring when we get back into the log museum. Shirley will check with the library to see what is needed there. We're not sure if we still have a problem with Twin Valley. Because of the problems we've had with Twin Valley, we might want to have a signed record stating they have received the books from us. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning how this could be handled.

**Possible Future Projects**

- Record information from Norman County township books – Each member should ask township clerks where the old township books are located and if we can borrow them to enter into

electronic records. Before the 1950's, these books contained births and deaths occurring in the township – **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:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Adjournment:**

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by Roland Carpenter, President.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Summerfield Place, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Ada, MN

Minutes submitted by:

*Marijo Vik, Secretary*