

Norman County Genealogy Society
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:33 am on July 19, 2008 at the LogMuseum in Ada, MN.

Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were read and corrected. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account is \$805.08, with payments made for the All-In-One Printer at \$149.99 and Adobe Acrobat software at \$273.47. Ardis reported that she deposited dues from two members.

Ongoing Projects

- Norman County School Project – Roland received books of “Class Records for Un-graded Schools” District #36 – Mary Township – 1909 through 1921. He will photocopy the books and return them. **Update:** Roland brought a box of school memorabilia and photos belonging to the Norman County Historical Society. He indicated that there are many boxes of such information. Marijo copied several of the brochures and souvenirs and will enter the information into a form. Marijo demonstrated how her labeler would work to put the names of the school on the laminated map. It was decided that there were too many names to make this work. Instead, we will use the list Marijo previously created showing the District #, Township and School Name and keep that with the map.

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.**
- It was suggested that we obtain oral histories from area residents. Need a form to ask the same questions of everyone we interview. – **No action taken to date.**

Old Business:

- Roland was to contact Colleen to ask the question about whether or not we will continue to “log” the newspaper articles that are clipped and filed. **No action taken to date.**
- The Adobe Acrobat software has been installed on Deb’s computer. Adobe Reader Version 6 has been installed on the computer at the Log museum.
- The 3-in-1 printer has been installed in the Log Museum and is not available for use.
- Deb has scanned at the obits for Volume 13. She wants to talk to Roger to see if he will still be involved in the project.
- Deb made a “how to” sheet on using the reference materials in the Museum. Ardis will take these two copies up to Office Supplies Plus in Ada for laminating.

New Business:

- Marijo received an e-mail (which has been forwarded to local members) concerning the start-up of a new website called Genlighten. They plan to be an online marketplace for fee-based genealogical lookups. Genealogists will come to us to get help finding source documents (e.g. vital records, obituaries, probate records, cemetery photos, etc.) from skilled researchers with expertise in a particular locality’s records. The beta version of the site is nearing completion, and they are recruiting additional lookup providers to join their nationwide network before they can

launch. In return for our assistance, they are offering us access to Genlighten's secure e-commerce platform to help add to our society's research-based revenue. If we have volunteers sign up as Genlighten lookup providers, the fees they receive from Genlighten's customers can go directly to our society. Marijo will write to ask what the schedule of fees might be and do we have to agree to some sort of contract. An assignment for our local members is to go to the website and "Take the Tour". We will decide at our next meeting if we want to participate.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. by Roland Carpenter, President.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at the Log Museum, Ada, MN

Minutes submitted by:

Marijo Vik, Secretary