

**Norman County Genealogy Society**  
Amended Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2008

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:40 am on March 15, 2008 at the Summerfield Apartments in Ada, MN.

**Present:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account as of February 28, 2008 is \$1,166.67. Ardis reported that two members inquired about dues and she expects their payment soon. Ardis gave Marijo a current list of paid members, both local and associate.

**Correspondence and Queries received since the last meeting**

- Letter and photo of Cheerful Hut School from Arlyne Hess
- Letter and laminated school souvenirs for District 31 from Barb Raaen
- Letter and photos of District 3 Meadowlark school and pupils, and a photo of Concordia Church near Hendrum from Olive Lind
- Letter, newspaper article and photos of District 51 Valley View school from Bud Berglund
- Roland also received phone calls regarding various schools and what happened to them
- Received a family history from one of the Hopwood girls – they are related to Carl Ben Eielson from Hatton
- Marijo will write a letter of thanks to everyone who has contributed information.

**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 – 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. The 3-ring binder of information was given to Marijo for entry. 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. **Update:** Deb sent the Word file to Marijo, who hopes to get all the information entered before the next meeting. It was suggested that we invite people to our meetings to talk about their memories of attending rural school. After we consolidate all the information, we could publish a book or booklet with an index of name. We need to see if there would be a possible grant or outside donation for printing costs. Marijo will call to inquire.

**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:**

- 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.  
**Update:** It was decided that we won't do anything special for Sugarfest. During the fair, we plan to set up in the Log Museum and put a sign in the coliseum.
- We need to organize our records at the Log Museum as soon as we're able to get into the building this spring.
- 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.

#### **New Business:**

- Deb gave Roland a CD with information regarding West Wild Rice Church records, which will go to the museum. Additional information from Margit Bakke regarding Wild Rice CD: It was scanned by Martin C. Nelson. He lives in Florida and contacted Margit last fall on the best way to scan the records. He had Violet Thorson scan the book and send the pages to him. He also has offered to do the Lookups on the CD if you wish to list him on the website. Margit helped him over the years with over 100 obit lookups. In a note to Margit, he said, "You are also welcome to list me as a volunteer person to do lookups on this book on any of your websites." His e-mail address is: [mnels756@bellsouth.net](mailto:mnels756@bellsouth.net)
- 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.

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. by Roland Carpenter, President.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Summerfield apartments, 101 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Ada, MN.

Minutes submitted by: *Marijo Vik*, Secretary