

Norman County Genealogy Society
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2007

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:35 am on October 20, 2007, 2007 at the Summerfield Apartments in Ada, MN.

Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September meeting were not read. Roland suggested that they needed to be re-sent since not everyone seems to have received them. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account remains at \$1,041.67 since there has been no activity in the account.

Correspondence and Queries received since the last meeting

Ardis received a letter from Sebastian Nelson, Sacramento, CA requesting a picture of the Civil War Veterans from Norman County. He has one, but would like a better scan or photocopy. Roland will respond.

Ardis gave Marijo a photocopy of a letter received in February 2007 from Patty Petry, which will be filed with other correspondence.

Ongoing Projects

- The Ada Cemetery Project – no update available.
- The Augustana Lutheran Church Cemetery Project – Deb and Pat are still working on this – no update available.
- Deb has started to gather information about schools throughout Norman County, including the rural districts, and has identified 105 schools – no update available.

Possible Future Projects

- Index the Norman County township books, which include births and deaths and other information for each township. We would need to ask someone from each township board if they still have the records and if so, would they loan them to us so they can be indexed. If they don't have the records, we might try the County Recorder.
- Obtain and digitize the records from Grace Lutheran Church which are actually a combination of several churches. All of the early records were written in Norwegian. There are about five or six books kept in the safe, which probably would not be released to anyone. But perhaps we could make photocopies for our use. We might also be able to obtain microfilm records concerning area churches from the ELC in Chicago. There might also be such records at Concordia College in Moorhead. Also, every church has old photos of confirmation classes, usually displayed somewhere in the church, which we might be able to scan.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Roland suggested that the newsletter be saved as a .jpg file and sent each month. Marijo will redo the September newsletter and resend it, as well as for future newsletters.

- Shirley received an e-mail from Deb pointing out that the meeting place published in the Index needs to be changed. Ardis will respond.
- Roland said he thought the 1930 U.S. Census is now available on CD. Shirley made a motion and Ardis seconded that Roland should check into the this and purchase the CD if it's available. Carried.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am by Roland Carpenter, President. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 am on November 17, 2007 at the Summerfield apartments, 101 – 1st Street East, Ada, MN.

Minutes submitted by: *Marijo Vik*, Secretary