

**Norman County Genealogy Society**  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2008

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Roland Carpenter, President, at 10:30 am on October 18, 2008 at the LogMuseum in Ada, MN.

**Present:**

Roland Carpenter, Ardis Horn, Deb Jacobson, Shirley Rockstad, Lila Mae Hegrenes (guest) and Marijo Vik.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 20, 2008 minutes. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the checking account was \$815.08. Ardis reported that she deposited \$12.25 from copying fees and \$5 from a new associate member, Malcolm and Phyllis Maxwell of Menahga, MN to reach a new total of \$832.33.

**Correspondence and Requests:**

- Deb mentioned that her computer is not working so would not be able to respond to e-mails sent to her.
- Ardis received a call from someone looking for information on the Aalgaard family that lived in Montana in 1903, but then moved to Halstad, stayed there a couple of years and then moved back to Montana. The name given to Ardis was Hansine Elizabeth Aalgaard. They had immigrated to the United States in the 1880's. Deb suggested that we look in the Augustana Cemetery Book, and the family was found there. Ardis will copy the pages (she took pages 26 through 33 with her) and will send the copies to the family that's requesting the information.
- Ardis received a call from Esther Austinson, who had someone who had stopped by her house asking for information about a family that had lived near Syre. Ardis accompanied them to the Log Museum, then they went to Lyle Nelson's home (he wasn't home.)
- Ardis sent information about the Leek family, but the person who it was sent to said it was never received.
- Shirley helped people from Menahga looking for information on Arnold Enger. They came to the Log Museum and looked through all the records there. It turned out that she already had all the information that was contained in our records. Shirley was unsure what this person was looking for and they ended up going to the courthouse and to the library.
- It was noted that a brochure distributed by the Norman County Historical Society says they are open weekends. This should probably be changed to indicate that the museum is not open in the winter.

**Ongoing Projects:**

- Norman County School Project – **Update:** Marijo called Alden Anderson and Chester Mauritsen of the Norman County Historical Society regarding finding and using information they have in storage. Both men said it was fine, but that she should contact Solveig Kitchell for more information. Roland said that Eric Bergeson had some school information and he would try to contact him to get it for him. Marijo has created a file box with each individual school district in a separate envelope.
- Oral Histories Project – **Update:** Marijo was going to "test" the form(s) with her mother, but has not done so yet. She will speak to Dawn Miller, Activities Director at Bridges Care Community, about possible wording on forms for the residents and family members to sign authorizing us to interview the residents for this project.
- Obituaries - **Update:** Shelly does not have the 2006 volume. Deb has rescanned the 2006 obits (Volume 12) and she's trying to get the same volumes to all locations. Roland has gone

to Twin Valley twice to check on the obituary books, but the museum was closed both times. Both the Log Museum and the Shelly Museum will be closed for the winter.

#### **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:**

- About a year and a half ago, Deb received a request from the Minnesota Genealogy Society regarding the "Cemetery Project," asking her to "finish." Deb responded that "Ours is as done as it's going to get." We had the GPS for all cemeteries (except for small private plots and abandoned cemeteries).

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#### **New Business:**

- The black ink cartridge needs to be replaced in the printer/copier, but it was decided that this would wait until spring, since the machine will not be used all winter as it sits in the Log Museum with little heat. The Norman County Historical Society has agreed to purchase the cartridge.
- Marijo will ask the Norman County Index to change "Area Happenings" to show the following information about meetings: November through April – Meet at Summerfield Place, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Ada; No meeting in December; May through October – Meet at the Log Museum.
- Lila Hegrenes asked if anyone was working on the Pleasant View or Lockhart Cemetery, and Deb responded "Not yet." Lila mentioned that she'd like to take it on as a project because she's already done a lot of work on it (most of her family is buried there.) Deb will send a form to Lila. Lila also asked if photos of tombstones would ever be placed on the internet.

#### **Adjournment:**

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. by Roland Carpenter, President.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at the Summerfield Place, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Ada, MN

Minutes submitted by:

*Marijo Vik, Secretary*