

Norman County Genealogy Society
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Norman County Genealogy Society was called to order by Shirley Rockstad, President at 10:32 am on January 21, 2006 at the Dekko Center in Ada, MN.

Present:

Roland Carpenter, Ardis Horn, Deb Jacobson, Roger Niebeling, Shirley Rockstad, Edna Rude and Marijo Vik.

Approval of Minutes

Shirley Rockstad asked for any corrections to last month's minutes as sent by e-mail. No corrections were brought forward, Roger moved that the minutes be accepted as sent, Edna seconded the motion, all those present voted "aye" and the minutes stand approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report

Ardis Horn, Treasurer, reported the checking balance as of December 30, 2005 was \$960.62. After the December statement, she received dues that have not yet been deposited. Deb moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as reported, Roger seconded, and all those present voted "aye." The treasurer's report is approved as read.

Correspondence and Queries

Deb received a query from Louisiana and she sent a township map in response.

Marijo read a letter from Barbara J. Raaen asking for advise regarding her "write-up" on per paternal grandmother.

Old Business

Pat Thompson is still working on the "Skaurud Funeral Books." The information recorded to date has been posted on our website. *This item is still open.*

Pat and Deb are working on the cemetery book for Augustana. The church is now doing interviews with their older parishioners. This is a long-term project which may take several years for completion. *This item is still open.*

At the last meeting, Shirley Rockstad has asked to be relieved of the duties of President of the Society, since she has served in this capacity for the past three years. Ardis moved and Roger seconded to accept a slate of officers as follows: Roland Carpenter, President; Shirley Rockstad, Vice President; Ardis Horn, Treasurer; and Marijo Vik, Secretary. All those present voted "aye" and elected this slate *This item is closed.*

New Business:

Edna Rude distributed several copies of "Guide to Norwegian Bygdeboker" from the University of North Dakota, Chester Fritz Library, Family History Room, which was published September 2005. *This item is closed.*

Edna Rude mentioned that she found information about an area East of Oslo once called Skaun. She noted that the name was changed in the 1900's. *This item is closed.*

Membership dues need to be paid in January, 2006 for the upcoming year. Dues are \$10.00 for anyone in Norman County and \$5.00 for anyone outside of Norman County. This will be mentioned in the December newsletter. In July, it was decided that anyone not paying dues would be removed from the mailing list and e-mail group. Ardis will provide a list of paid members before the March newsletter is sent. *This item is still open.*

Roland said that Minnesota birth records from 1935 to 2003 can be accessed while one is physically located at any of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) sites. Also, Heritage Quest can be accessed from home computers using one's LARL's library card. *This item is closed.*

Roger is now working on compiling "Good Old Days" from the Twin Valley Times newspaper, similar to the work he just completed from the Norman County Index. *This item is still open.*

Roger has permission to make copies of the obituaries in the 1999 issues of the Twin Valley Times (we had very few of these obits.) They may charge for each copy. *This item is still open.*

Shirley asked the members if we need an additional bookshelf at the Log Museum. It was noted that we have already moved the family histories to storage in the back. It was suggested that we should purchase plastic storage boxes to make sure that records are protected from moisture, bugs and mice. *This item is still open.*

Roger mentioned that he recently used the microfiche in the Ada Library but could not print because the machine needed a new ink cartridge. The cartridges cost anywhere from \$70 to \$120. Marijo moved and Shirley seconded that the Society pay for ink cartridges which the librarian will order. *This item is still open.* Deb is still watching for binders on sale. Roland said that he can get some used binders from his son's workplace. *This item is still open.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am by Shirley Rockstad, Past-President.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2006 at the Dekko Center meeting room, Ada.

Minutes submitted by: *Marijo Vik, Secretary*