

Larimer County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2008
Harmony Library
Harmony and Shields Street
Fort Collins
Community Room

Vice President Len Ray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two visitors: Pat Walker and Shirley Blair, were present at the meeting. Len introduced them and invited them to join the Society.

Len also discussed briefly the attached President's Report prepared by President Ken Goldsberry. The report details many of the programs and the progress of the Society for the year 2007.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary Joy Hauk reported that the Society balance as of the end of 2007 was \$1493.25; this compares with the Society balance at the end of 2006 of \$1534.89. According to Mary Joy, the Society's expenses were nearly the same for the two years. Mary Joy further explained to the members that one of the more important expenses of 2007 was the contribution to the Fort Collins Library to help them pay for Ancestry.com.

Mary Joy is ending her term as Treasurer; Len thanked Mary Joy for her great work as Treasurer.

At this point a break for refreshments and conversation was taken. Just before the break, Len commended Marge Abrames for her work as Hospitality Chair for the last three years. Marge will be stepping down, and Carrie Graves will be filling the position for 2008.

After the break, Bob Larson presented an entertaining slideshow detailing Society events and activities for 2007. Bob did a great job in preparing and presenting an informative overview of 2007.

Nomination and Election of Board Members

Nominating Committee Chair Marilyn Rudd, in conjunction with the rest of the committee consisting of Sonny Hygh and Barbara Sullivan, presented a slate of officers for 2008 which included the following nominees:

Paul Smith – Treasurer
Carol Stetser – Recording Secretary
Ceil Damschroder – Director-at-Large

As of yet, no one has volunteered to be Vice President, so that position will remain open for the present.

The members approved and elected the above-mentioned nominees.

Len reminded everyone that the Board meets on the first Thursday of each month (except December) at the Main Fort Collins Library at 6:30 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Committee Reports

Len introduced the following committee chairs:

Photographer and Archival Committee – Sonny Hygh
Budget and Finance Committee – needs a chairperson
Genealogical Societies Representative – Marilyn Rudd
Education Committee and Newsletter Editor – Bob Larson
Hospitality Committee – Carrie Graves
Family History Center Liaison – Pat Johnson
Membership Committee – Gene O’Connell
Publications Committee – Hap Hazard
Publicity Committee – Kathy Patrick
Recycle Table – Cathi Smith
Webmaster – Dolores Ray

Newsletter Editor

Editor Bob Larson thanked the staff of the newsletter: Julia Hillen, Kareen Whatley and Nadine Gates. Bob informed the members that the newsletter would not be possible without their help.

Family History Center Liaison

Len reminded everyone that Pat Johnson, Family History Center Liaison, will be presenting a program to the Society in February on using Daughters of the American Revolution sources for research.

Membership

Membership Chair Gene O’Connell reported that the Society had 143 members at the end of 2007. In addition, 60 visitors enjoyed the Society’s meetings during the year. Twenty-eight new members joined the Society during 2007. As of this evening’s meeting, 75 members have renewed.

Publications

Chair Hap Hazard reported that he deals with selling and shipping various publications that the Society has available. During 2007, the Society sold 20 books. In addition, Hap maintains a library of videos on a variety of genealogical topics which members may check out and use for a two or three week period. He encouraged everyone to borrow and use these informative videos.

Publicity

Kathy Patrick, Publicity Chair, reported that during 2008 the committee will be posting quarterly posters explaining programs, meetings and events that the Society will host. These posters will be displayed in various locations throughout the County.

Recycle Table

Cathi Smith explained that the Recycle Table is a program where members can donate unwanted genealogical items, which other members will then be able to purchase (at a fraction of their original

cost!). The program has been very successful in the past, earning over \$200 for the Society.

In addition, Cathi maintains a scrapbook for the Society containing a record of Society events and activities.

Webmaster

Webmaster Dolores Ray reported that she recently completed uploading to the Society website a series of book reviews written by Ginny Feagler. These reviews describe various genealogy reference books available at the Main Fort Collins Public Library.

In addition, Dolores reported that the Basement Bookshelf lists have recently been added to the website.

Dolores also encouraged members to access Amazon.com through the Society website. The Society receives a commission on all amounts spent at Amazon through this program.

New Programs

Mentor Program

Recently, the Society decided to implement a mentor program to aid members in their research. Carol Stetser will head the program; Sharon Koleber has agreed to coordinate the program. Carol and Sharon discussed with the members the need for volunteers to be mentors; they encouraged more experienced researchers to volunteer. As soon as sufficient potential mentors are available, the program will begin.

Basement Bookshelf

Roger Long has agreed to coordinate a revival of the Society's Basement Bookshelf program. This program would make available lists of books owned by members in which they would be willing to do research for other members. The list is now on the Society website, but Roger encouraged other members to list their books and submit that information for inclusion.

Genealogy NT

Paul Smith reported on a new program that he is beginning. NT stands for New Technology, and Paul plans to have a table outside the meeting room before each general meeting. For approximately 20 minutes before each meeting begins, he, or another member, will demonstrate and give a brief overview of some new technology which would be useful to genealogists. A handout will be available for each technology demonstrated. Paul encouraged everyone to arrive early to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.