

**Larimer County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2009**  
**Harmony Library**  
**Harmony and Shields Street**  
**Fort Collins**  
**Community Room**

President Ken Goldsberry welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. He presented the attached agenda.

**Announcements**

**Hospitality Chair Needed**

Ken reported that the Society is in need of a Hospitality Chair; he stated that a clipboard was being circulated for anyone to sign who might be interested.

**Charter Member Donation**

Bob Larson introduced LaVeda Gorenson, who is a daughter of one of the Society's charter members. LaVeda's mother was Pearl Manners. LaVeda read a section of an original annual report and also a section from an early Society newsletter. She presented these items to the Society.

**Recycle Table**

Recycle Table Chair Cathi Smith reported that the Recycle Table earned \$175 for the Society during 2008. She thanked everyone who helped support the Table by bringing in donations of magazines and other articles.

**Publications**

Chair Hap Hazard reported that he has several videos on various genealogical topics available for members to borrow. In addition, he has Society business cards which members may want to keep in order to distribute to interested parties. Finally, Hap now has Society lapel pins for sale for \$5.

**Business Meeting**

**2008 Annual Report**

Since the January general meeting is the annual Society business meeting, the majority of the evening's time was spent in a review of Society happenings for 2008 (see attached report).

President Ken Goldsberry began by briefly reviewing each of the Society offices and the responsibilities each entailed. He further described some of the year's accomplishments

by the current officeholder. The offices Ken reviewed included Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Board of Directors At-Large Board Members and Recording Secretary.

Treasurer Paul Smith gave a brief End-of-Year report comparing the Society's finances in 2007 and 2008.

Ken then moved on to the various committees of the Society and briefly described each of their responsibilities. Committees included were Budget and Finance, CCGS Delegate, Archival, Photographer, Scrapbook, Basement Bookshelf, Education and Hospitality.

Basement Bookshelf Chair Roger Long reported that several people have filled out forms listing additional books that can be searched. He encouraged everyone, who has books in which they are willing to do lookups, to add their books to the project list.

At this point a break for refreshments and conversation was taken. Ken reminded everyone that a raffle would be held during the second half of the program; tickets would be sold during the break for \$1.

After the break, Ken continued describing the various Society committees including the mentor program. Sonny Hygh, who is beginning some small self-help groups, announced that the first meeting will be held at the Harmony Library on January 22 at noon. Anyone who is interested in the program is invited to attend. Boyd Johnson announced that he and his wife, Gwen, are hosting a similar program for Loveland members. The first meeting of this group will be held at the Johnson home on Tuesday, February 10 from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. Interested members may contact Boyd for further information.

Ken then continued with committee reports. The first was Membership; Membership Chair Jan Hygh reported that there were three visitors: Ellen Wheeling, David Dust and Richard Hammond. David and Richard both joined this evening.

Ken finished his committee reports with a review of the Publications, Publicity, Recycle Table and Website committees.

Ken ended by handing out a list of the various activities that the Society sponsored and participated in during 2008.

### **2008 Slide Show**

Bob Larson had prepared an entertaining slide show detailing the highlights of 2008, which he showed at this point. Members enjoyed catching a glimpse of themselves and other members at the various activities of last year, all shown complete with complementary music!

### **Upcoming Programs**

Bob Larson reported that the Society will be sponsoring a number of workshops during 2009, as detailed on the attached handout. He further reported that there are a number of video programs on the Society website that members may want to view (see attached sheet).

### **Election of Officers**

The slate of nominated officers, as chosen by the Nominating Committee composed of Carol Stetser and Barbara Sullivan, was announced by Carol Stetser. These are Bob Larson for President, Hap Hazard for Corresponding Secretary and Pat Walker for At-Large Board Member.

President Goldsberry requested any nominations from the floor. As none were proposed, Ceil Damschroder moved that the chosen slate of officers should be accepted. Marilyn Rudd seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Sonny Hygh called on the members to give Ken Goldsberry a round of applause in appreciation of his fine service as President.

### **Raffle**

At this point a raffle was held; many members received various genealogical supplies and coupons.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

The Education Committee recommended Mary Joy Hauk to the Board as the 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Education Chair Bob Larson presented Mary Joy with a framed certificate in recognition of her accomplishments (which were too many to list individually!).

### **Recognition of Ken Goldsberry**

On behalf of the membership, incoming President Bob Larson presented a plaque to outgoing President Ken Goldsberry. Bob read a list of the accomplishments and growth that the Society has made during Ken's tenure.

### **Final Announcements**

President Bob Larson announced that he would like the members to fill out a survey concerning their expectations for the Society. The members voted to have the survey taken via email.

Bob also mentioned the possibility of starting the general meetings at 7:00, with a fellowship and refreshment period occurring at 6:30, prior to the commencement of the meeting. Many members seemed to view this as a good idea; the Board will consider it at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.