

**Larimer County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2009**  
**Harmony Library**  
**Harmony and Shields Street**  
**Fort Collins**  
**Community Room**

President Bob Larson called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. He announced that a break for refreshments and conversation would be taken until approximately 7:00 pm. He reminded everyone that tonight is the annual “ice cream social” so there are several kinds of ice cream to choose from. He encouraged everyone to indulge; after all, it’s only once a year!

After the break, Bob welcomed everyone and presented the attached agenda. The following brief reports were given.

**Recycle Table**

Recycle Chair Cathi Smith reported that she has lots of new magazines to sell (all for the bargain price of less than \$1 each). In addition, she has a number of boxes in which to keep those magazines. Finally, Cathi reminded visitors that they each get a free magazine of their choice.

**Membership**

Membership Chair Jan Hygh reported that the following visitors were in attendance: Penny Riess, Barbara and Al Zahn, Mary Ann St. Peter and Rheid Schloss. Bob welcomed them all to the meeting and encouraged them to consider joining the Society.

**Hospitality**

Bob thanked tonight’s Hospitality volunteers: Alma Lazer, Sharon Lundt and Barbara Bonilla. Everyone appreciated all the great treats that the volunteers provided, along with their willingness to dish up the ice cream.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Paul Smith submitted the attached report. The society bank balance as of July 16 is \$3164.80.

**Newsletter Publisher**

Kareen Whatley has asked to step down as Newsletter Publisher after serving for several years. Sherri Schloss has agreed to take over as Newsletter Publisher. Sherri is presently the Education Chair, so someone will need to take over that position.

Sherri described the upcoming Document and Photo Restoration Workshop which will be held on September 12. Kate Legg, who presented a popular program at a general meeting last year, will expand and enlarge on the topic of photo restoration at this workshop.

### **Program**

The program for the evening was introduced by Carol Stetser. It entailed dividing the members into small groups, each headed by a facilitator. The facilitators were Bob Larson, Carol Stetser, Hap Hazard, Pat Walker, Paul Smith and Marilyn Rudd. Following the attached guidelines, each group discussed various genealogy topics of interest to its members including genealogy successes, brick walls and breakthroughs; some even told interesting family stories.

At the end of a 45 minute period, each facilitator described to the members some of the items that his/her group discussed. Each group had different topics ranging from why certain members seem to have only “black sheep” ancestors, to the great new way that Family Tree Maker prints out census documents (with the family of interest transcribed along the side), to the need for a “Listener” at libraries and archives who will listen to success stories and get excited with the researcher when he makes a great find! However, the common theme seemed to be that it was great to get a chance to talk to other genealogists and find out about their interests, questions and points of view.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.