

Board Meeting Notes for February 10, 2014

The February 2014 board meeting was held on the scheduled meeting date. There were five people who attended (Bill Haines, Barb Smith, Marcy Cousino, Gary Copenhaver & Sherry Copenhaver), so this was not a formal meeting. Following are notes about the items we discussed.

Bill brought in a supply of 150 tri-fold membership brochures. Perhaps we could think about changing our logo that would represent genealogy a little more. We will keep some there. Sherry will see about giving these out to other places such as the library and Chamber of Commerce.

Business Plan: The Treasurer will provide a report of income from last year. Items are being entered manually from the last year into the new software and there is a target date to have the report ready by the March board meeting.

Marcy has been taking care of the soda supply. We do have a new system for our soda in the utility room. The extra soda is kept in a locked cabinet and this cabinet has openings at the top for the empty pop cans and the money.

Barb said the kits that Julie left for us to look at are wonderful ideas and we should plan on coming up with a similar kit for genealogy. This would be a great idea for a committee to work on. We will add this to our project list and to our general membership meeting agenda.

We can now access the internet from laptops. We believe we need to change the settings to print from the other computer, and need the administrator password to do this. Gary will call Active River (and any others he can find) to get an estimate for them to look at our computer system to see how we can upgrade to Windows 7 the most economical way possible for now. Possibly loading Windows 7 and adding ram & hard disk would work for us without having to purchase new computers. We need to vote in the March meeting as to what actions to take regarding our computer system. We also need to budget for new equipment in the future.

Marcy will ask the Historical Commission, through Julie Kimmer, about the requirements for applying for and receiving a grant, especially how the money for the grant is disbursed. Sherry is asking for 4 more scanners for the Probate Packet Scanning project (along with all of the other projects they could be used for). If we could possibly get these provided by a grant, this would save money from our Treasury.

During the discussion about grants, it was also recognized that we had received a grant years ago for a project that is not completed and we should find out what to do to close the books on the remaining funds.

Barb Smith said she likes the idea of indexing some newspapers we have in Vault 3 for the Monday night indexing group. These newspapers begin in the 1920s and there are some for several decades.

Sherry will use some of the research John Evans has provided about cloud storage and find a free one to begin with. Target date: Soon!

We have some version 5 Family Tree Maker files that were donated to us and because we can access this information from Ancestry, we could offer them to anyone who would like them at our general meeting. We also have a couple of books we found in the cupboard that we will offer.

Barb will send out membership cards soon. These cards will include the new password that members will need on May 1st, 2014 for the website Members Section.

The Library Of Michigan has requested a copy of the Quest. When the Archives separated, the Quest has been sent to the Archives and the Library would also like one for their Michigan section.

We talked about the calendar of events. Sherry will contact the Charlotte Library to talk with them about projects and programs.

The descriptions of Officer duties were postponed until the March meeting as there were so many other things to discuss.