

# Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

October 12, 2019, Notes of meeting

Approximately 24 people present (see roster sign up for members present)

Father Robert Parent opens the meeting at 10 am with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

1. **Proposed change in bylaws** – see handout. Father Parent read the proposed change and discussed the Board's reason for wanting it changed to be consistent with staggering election cycles. There was no discussion. A vote was taken by the members present (hand vote) and the proposed bylaw change was unanimously accepted.
2. **The May 4, 2019 minutes of the meeting were accepted** as they were presented. Sue Rowe was asked to take notes today while Connie Hitchcock is out.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – see handout. Lucille Langelier reports of the current savings and expenditures. She explains the status of the CD's that she has started since the last meeting.
4. **Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Connie Beliveau reports that she has sent a get well card to Connie Hitchcock.
5. **Librarian Report** – Father Parent reports:
  - New Books have been purchased and a partial list is in the newsletter;
  - We have received donation of books today and another copy of the Beauce County Genealogy done by Robert Chenard;
  - OBIT process is being updated to use a new scanning program that will allow the process to be easier in the future;
  - The Library's insurance agency has been contacted to explain what they cover in the loss of some of the one-of-a-kind books. See Father Parent or Lucille Langelier for details.
  - Librarian staffing is filled except for the Saturday morning spot. We need someone to replace the Saturday morning librarian. Training will be provided;
  - Webmaster, Norm Cote, reports that normally we have 125 to 150 hits per week, however, we had 250 hits last week;
  - Facebook – Father reports that Joline Fortier monitors it. He reminds people that if they buy products on Amazon Smile, we have made \$126 from that this year;
  - Research – Father reports that Arthur Allard, Lucille Langelier, and Gabe Couture have done several research requests recently; and

- Continuing projects – Father reports that Sue Rowe continues to work on the Father Labonte index and she is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  finished with the project. We have almost completed the Vermont collection, and we are adding Quebec, New England, and upstate NY books.
6. **Vote for Officers** – Richard Gamache, Nomination Committee Chairperson reports there are 4 positions up for election, and we will use the new bylaw change.
- Michael Poulin for President (1 year)
  - Richard Gamache for Board member (1 year)
  - Jeanne Letourneau for Board member (2 years) and
  - Simeon Breault for Board member (2 years).

Richard read the slate as a whole. No other nominees came from the floor. A vote was taken to accept the slate, and the slate was unanimously accepted by a hand vote. The Secretary (not here) cast the vote to accept the slate of officers for 2020.

7. **Meeting adjourned** at 10:40 am.

The raffle followed and the Society made \$940 from it.

The 50/50 was held and the Society made \$30 from it.

Father Parent introduced the guest speaker, Jacqueline Lessard Finn, who spoke on French-Canadian history from 1665-1800's.

Notes taken by Sue Rowe for Connie Hitchcock and respectfully submitted for her review.

October 14, 2019