

**MAINE FRANCO-AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY**  
FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2021  
MINUTES

Twenty-five people were in attendance for the meeting [signed in], and about 5 others arrived for the presentation by Lisa Blue.

**Vice President** Arthur Allard called the meeting to order at 10:10 am greeting the attendees which included both members and guests. He announced that all the obituaries have been digitalized and entered in OCR which Lisa Blue will explain in her presentation after the business meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** Connie Hitchcock

Connie moved and Sue Beaulieu seconded to approve the minutes of the last general membership meeting held October 12, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Lucille Langelier

Lucille distributed copies of her report to the attendees. The balances as of September 30, 2021 are:

Checking:	\$ 763.32
Savings:	\$ 3,221.36
CD # 1	\$ 2,606.39
CD # 2	\$ 2,584.19

The report was placed on file for audit.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Connie Beliveau

No report

**Librarian:** Fr. Parent

1. Mega donations which were received will be listed on our website: thank you to Norm Rioux and Bob Pelletier.
2. MFGS bought 56 books from Vermont; our collection is almost complete.
3. MFGS purchased a binding machine from Curry Printing when they sold their business. Curry had been doing all the binding for us. The cost was \$750 but MFGS received \$600 in donations to help offset that cost. Curry threw in binding supplies that will last many years.
4. Library hours have been reduced: Open Wednesday 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturdays by appointment.
5. In reply to an attendee's question: MFGS pays rent to Fortin's, but at a very good rate.

**Webmaster:** Simeon Breault

No new updates.

He is evaluating the links on the site to ensure they are accurate and valid.

Digital databases are accessible.

General Meeting minutes will be posted to the website: [www.mfgen.org](http://www.mfgen.org).

**Nominating Committee:** Richard Gamache

Richard presented the slate for the election:

**President:** no name

Nominations from the floor: Fr. Parent self-nominated, provided Arthur would serve as Vice-President

**Vice-President:** no name

Nominations from the floor: Arthur Allard agreed to serve providing someone else took the responsibility of securing guest speakers for our general meetings.

Connie Hitchcock moved and Marie Murphy seconded the nominations made for President and Vice-President. These are for one-year unexpired terms.

The motion was carried.

**Board of Directors:**

Two-year terms:

Jeanne Letourneau and Simeon Breault.

Connie Hitchcock moved and Sue Beaulieu seconded the nominations on the slate. The motion was carried.

Arthur Allard's election to Vice-President resulted in a 1-year term opening on the Board of Directors to fill his unexpired term.

Richard asked for nominations from the floor. Ann Nadeau volunteered to serve. Ann has a marketing background and is interested in promoting a drive for new members. She has ideas for publicizing and promoting MFGS.

Connie Hitchcock moved and Sue Beaulieu seconded the nomination of Ann Nadeau to fill this one-year unexpired term. The motion was carried.

In the discussions from the floor requesting help with various MFGS tasks, Cincy LaRock volunteered to help with speaker selections for our general meetings. Thank you, Cindy. Other topics included: Set out our brochure at various craft fairs; teach French to younger people at summer camps [Bob Pelletier mentioned Camp Tekakwitha in Leeds]; provide online genealogy class [Lisa Blue willing to help set this up]; time publicity articles to appear in the OOB papers; French movies, documentary Réveille, in the park.

**Good of the Order:**

1. The Auburn Public Library has a book sale every Saturday from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.
2. In lieu of a raffle this year, donations will be accepted. A basket on the back table is provided.

**Spring General Meeting:** April 2022 with exact date to be announced.

Connie Hitchcock moved and Sue Beaulieu seconded to adjourn to the Presentation by Lisa Blue after a short period for refreshments during which time 50/50 will be drawn.

The motion was carried at 10:55 am.

Bob Pelletier was the lucky winner of the 50/50 receiving \$40 which he promptly donated back to MFGS.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Hitchcock  
Recording Secretary