

MAINE FRANCO-AMERICAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY
SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – APRIL 30, 2022
MINUTES

Twenty people were in attendance for the meeting [signed in] and for the presentation by Anna Faherty.

President Father Parent called the meeting to order at 10:02 am greeting the attendees which included both members and guests. He led us in the pledge of allegiance and a prayer for the deceased members and for peace.

Recording Secretary: Connie Hitchcock

Lucille Langelier moved and Jeanne Letourneau seconded to approve the minutes of the last general membership meeting held October 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Lucille Langelier

Lucille distributed copies of her report to the attendees. The balances as of March 31 2022 are:

Checking:	\$ 248.64
Savings:	\$ 2,705.92
CD # 1	\$ 2,611.19
CD # 2	\$ 2,603.67

The report was placed on file for audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Beliveau

No report

Librarian: Fr. Parent

1. Library hours have been reduced: Open Wednesday 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturdays by appointment. This is a result of COVID 19 and of the retirement of some librarians. Father explained the need for librarians and their responsibilities.
2. The Obit collection is now on OCR and easily searchable.
3. MFGS is buying books from Quebec at a very good price.
4. Volunteers are needed to catalog the collection.
5. There will be no raffle at the October general membership meeting.
6. Dues are only \$20 compared to \$50 in New Hampshire and \$60 in Quebec.

Research Director: Arthur Allard sent in his request to remind members of the research services such as:

1. Direct ancestral line for one person for up to 13 generations back to France in the 1600's for a flat fee: members - \$ 20; non-members - \$ 40.
Neatly formatted results can be gift for special someone.
2. Research specific information [for example: a particular baptismal record or marriage record – generally pre-1940] for an hourly rate: members - \$ 10/hour; non-members - \$20/hour.

Webmaster: Simeon Breault

No new updates.

Technology & related topics:

Father parent reminded people that we need a chair for the Obituary Project committee.

Facebook: Joline Fortier emailed her report.

As of March 21, 2022, MFGS has 619 likes and 681 followers.

Nominating Committee: Richard Gamache

Richard informed the membership that there are eight [8] openings for the October 2022 election: all five [5] officers and three [3] board members.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Father announced that he is willing to conduct a Genealogy Research class this coming Fall of 2022. He listed the known specifics [see below], and the fielded questions to gauge interest. Discussion focused on the dates and times when the classes would be held; Father replied that since it would be a small group, those particulars could be set by the participants. A sign-up sheet was made available at the sign-in table.

Class details:

Conducted by Father Parent

3 weeks duration – One 1-hour class per week; basic course with possibility to flesh out depending on level of students.

Free for members / \$30 for non-members

Limited to 10 people

Location: MFGS Library, 217 Turner St., Auburn, ME

Good of the Order:

1. The Auburn Public Library has a book sale every Saturday from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.
2. The winner of the 50/50 was Connie Hitchcock who donated her \$28 to MFGS.
3. Bob Pelletier was the winner of the door prize, a lovely flower arrangement donated by Ann Nadeau.
4. Membership: \$20/year; \$10/year for each additional family member.

Fall General Meeting: October 15, 2022 at 10 am with location TBA

[This is a tentative date depending on availability of the speaker.]

Connie Hitchcock moved and Sue Beaulieu seconded to adjourn to the Presentation by Anna Faherty, Archivist at the Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine in Lewiston. The motion was carried at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Hitchcock
Recording Secretary