

**Howard County Missouri Genealogical Society**  
**22 September 2021**

**Members Present:** J.Y. Miller, Kathy Brady, John Coutts, Patsy Miller, Gwen Wilder, Blake Frevert

Alljoined in a moment of silence in honor of Harold H. Kerr II.

**Minutes:** of 25 August 2021 were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Miller: as of 21 September 2021, the general checking account balance was \$3,114.15.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bylaws:

Patsy Miller had found a copy of old Bylaws from 2008.

J.Y. Miller had drafted new Bylaws on 26 August. He suggested the date of the Annual Meeting in **III. Board of Directors**, Sect. 2, be changed to the "November" meeting.

Kathy Brady made a motion that we accept the new Bylaws with changes.

John Coutts 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

A short discussion ensued about paying to have the treasurer bonded, and it was decided that was not necessary.

J.Y. Miller will mail Bylaws copies to all members to vote their approval/disapproval before the November Meeting.

Office of Secretary:

Deborah Aldridge has withdrawn her offer to serve as Secretary of the Society due to ill health (COVID 19).

Gwen Wilder offered to serve as the Secretary.

Officer Slate:

J.Y. Miller, President; Kathy Brady, Vice-President; Gwen Wilder, Secretary; and John Coutts, Treasurer were voted on unanimously by those members in attendance.

J.Y. will mail the officer slate to all members for their approval/disapproval or write-in candidates before the November Meeting.

J.Y. also appointed Patsy Miller as a Board Member, Emeritus, and Blake Frevert as a Board Member.

Computer Repair:

Kathy Brady reported it has been completed and paid for.

She also reported that no password is required to access the computer.

Checking Account Signers:

John Coutts, Treasurer, and J.Y. Miller, President, will be able to sign checks. Any officers will be able to deposit money into the accounts.

Membership List:

J.Y. Miller will update the list and distribute it.

**Dues:**

The Treasurer will send notices to all who have not paid for the 2022 year, including personal complimentary memberships, and will notify the President of changes. People owing dues for past years will be forgiven, and their money applied toward the year being collected.

**Webpage:**

J.Y. Miller has set up a Howard County Missouri Genealogical Society Webpage and a Facebook page through his personal domain, using his URL. He has posted information about the Society including Minutes from the current Meetings. The Howard County Library Site has a Society page with no links.

**Researcher:**

The researcher for the Society is Kathy Biswell-Brady, the Vice President.. She can be contacted by leaving messages with the Howard County Library and will be in the Genealogical Room most Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

A discussion suggested keeping a log book of research requests, a guest book for visitors to sign on Fridays, and composing a catalog of Surname requests to justify the existence of the Society.

Also, Kathy suggested a sign-in/sign-out sheet at the Library Desk upstairs for people who borrow the Library key to access the Society Room for researching when it is normally closed. (Some plat books and scrapbooks are missing from our collections.)

**Photo memorial for Harold Kerr II:**

J.Y. Miller suggested contacting Harold Kerr's sister to request a copy of the photo from Harold's Memorial Service to be framed and displayed in the Genealogical Room, in recognition of his dedication to the Society.

**Newsletters:**

J.Y. Miller would like to continue production of the quarterly newsletters. He will compose the first one, but he would like someone to take the position of Newsletter Editor.

**New Business:**

**Deed Books:**

Gwen Wilder has some original Howard County Deed Books, 1820-1910, A-H, that she is transcribing and will eventually share with the Society.

John Coutts suggested someone contact the County Clerks's Office to update their connection with the Society. (Harold Kerr did a lot of research there.)

**Storage & Preservation:**

Kathy Brady would like to purchase specialized storage boxes for preservation of newspapers and old deeds, as suggested by Archive Consultant Claudia Powell. These boxes would be purchased with the Memorial Funds received for Harold Kerr II.

**“Deed of Gift” Forms:**

Patsy Miller said Claudia Powell had suggested that the Society have these forms available to be completed by people donating items to the Society. This legally transfers ownership from the donator to the Society.

**Books from the Harold Kerr collection:**

Kathy Brady said some books did not pertain to family histories or genealogy. These she donated to the Howard County Library sales. Kathy found a collection of Scotch-Irish novels that she put in boxes.

**Book Cases:**

Kathy Brady expressed a need for storage of books and other materials. Gwen Wilder suggested the Society might apply for money from the Barker Trust in Fayette to purchase shelving.

**Carolee Jones:**

Patsy Miller said Member Carolee Jones was the only one who specified that her Harold Kerr Memorial Funds be used to purchase a book for the Society. Patsy will contact her to discern what kind of book she prefers.

**Agency Notifications:**

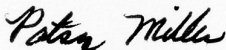
Patsy Miller related that the Missouri Nonprofit Agency, Missouri Treasury Dept. Tax-exempt Status, and U.S. Dept. of Treasury EIN Number will all have to be notified of Harold Kerr's passing and a new slate of officers for the Society. John Coutts, Treasurer, said he would take care of that.

**Newspaper Announcement:**

J.Y. Miller will compose and deliver a newspaper article to the Fayette and Glasgow newspapers about the reorganization of the Society, officers elected, and an invitation to the Annual Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



Patsy Miller, Secretary Emeritus