

President's Annual Report  
2013-2014  
Oregon Catholic Historical Society  
Fall Annual Business Meeting & Event  
October 11, 2014  
Saint Paul Parochial School  
Saint Paul, Oregon

The 2013-2014 Officers were Msgr. Greg Moys, President; Connie Lenzen, Vice-President; Gerry Lenzen, Secretary; Linda Duman, Treasurer; Eileen Duyck, Trustee.

**The Fall 2013 Business Meeting and Event** was held at the Marylhurst Heritage Center in Lake Oswego. It was announced that Marc Covert, longtime editor of the Society Newsletter had resigned. Eileen Duyck, Trustee, volunteered to take over Marc's Newsletter responsibilities. Connie Lenzen has established a website for the Oregon Catholic Historical Society at <http://www.oregoncatholichistoricalsociety.weebly.com>. Two amendments were approved by the membership present (1) Society officers could be replaced by the Executive Committee upon resignation or death at the first regular meeting rather than having to wait until the next general membership meeting, and (2) one more Trustee is added to create an odd number of Officers for voting purposes. Mark Blivin was elected by the Society membership to fill the position of Trustee left vacant by Dan Haskin when he moved out of state.

**January 18, 2014, Executive Committee meeting.** Dave Wendell was elected by the Executive Committee to fill the position of Trustee as the result of the change in our By-laws passed at the October 5, 2013, Fall Membership Meeting. Linda Duman reported that the Society had approximately \$5,000 in its checking and CD accounts. The cost of the Fall Event was approximately \$290. The Newsletter printing and mailing was \$395. Proposals for future articles for our Spring Newsletter were: the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at Saint Paul and Oregon City in the 1840s, Central Catholic High School's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the early history of Silverton and Saint Paul Parish in Silverton.

**February 15, 2014, Executive Committee meeting.** Connie Lenzen proposed contacting Shawna Gandy who wrote her Master's thesis on the early religious sisters in Oregon about giving a talk on the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and possibly writing an article about the Sisters' Oregon presence. Msgr. Moys said he would contact Brother Cyril Drnjevec, OSB, Abbey historian, about presenting the history of Mount Angel Seminary that is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

**March 8, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting.** The Executive Committee established new rates for membership and subscription to its Newsletter in the Society; \$20 for individual membership, and \$25 for married couples and organizations. The Committee called for the revision and update of the mailing list. The Committee continued discussion about articles for its Newsletter and the bi-annual membership events.

**April 5, 2014, Executive Committee Meeting.** The Committee chose to hold its Spring Event at the Annunciation Building (Theological Center), May 3, at Mount Angel Seminary with Brother Cyril as speaker honoring the history of Mount Angel Seminary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Eileen Duyck volunteered to be present for a no-host luncheon at downtown Mount Angel's Glockenspiel Restaurant. Linda Duman agreed to provide the amenities for the talk. Mark Blivin would be emcee for Brother Cyril's talk in the absence of Msgr. Moys and Connie Lenzen. Mark said he would work on a two-part article on Saint Paul Parish, Silverton, for the Newsletter. Connie was asked to speak at a special dedication to Madame Marie Dorion at Saint Louis, Oregon, on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**August 9, 2014, Executive Committee Meeting.** Twenty-two people attended the May 3, 2014, Spring Event at Mount Angel followed by a tour of the Abbey Library and luncheon at the Glockenspiel. Shawna Gandy agreed to give a talk on the Oregon Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on October 11, at the Saint Paul Parochial School's Lunch Room in Saint Paul, Oregon. The Committee called for pre-registration for the Fall Event to arrange for seating. The topic is of significance to the local parishioners, and the Committee waived the usual non-member fee, charging only for those who wished to attend the luncheon. Dave Wendell agreed to write an article for the Newsletter on the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, and Eileen Duyck said she would contact the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows in Beaverton about hosting our 2015 Spring Event at their retreat center. Nominations for 2014-16 Committee Officers were Msgr. Greg Moys, President; Connie Lenzen, Vice-President; Gerry Lenzen, Secretary; and Eileen Duyck, Trustee. Another possible historical article was suggested about the history of the Marian Estates in Sublimity.

**September 20, 2014, Executive Committee Meeting.** The Committee made final assignments for the Fall Business Meeting and talk by Shawn Gandy on the Notre Dame de Namur Sisters in Oregon. Refreshments would be provided and box lunches for the luncheon following the meeting. Mark Blivin gave special recognition to Pat Brandt for her research on Saint Paul in Silverton and Sr. Alberta Dieker, OSB's drawings of the early buildings in Silverton. Eileen later reported that the Franciscan Missionary Sisters at Queen of Peace were unable to host the Spring Event because of the many weekend retreats already scheduled at their retreat center.

Monsignor Greg Moys,  
President

**Addendum:** Gerry Lenzen, in consultation with a CPA, cleared up our federal status as a non-profit organization. We are not a 501 (c) 3, but a 501 (c) 6 corporation which means we are a "Mutual Benefit with Members" organization. Donations and dues to the Society are not tax deductible since our organization does not exist for the purpose of providing general service to society (e.g., community outreach and pro bono activities for society in general). The Committee chose to remain a 501 (c) 6 corporation.