

# Ingham County Genealogical Society

January 12, 2006

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, David Held. 25 members and guests were present. Guests were Florence Hill and Jim Sheely.

**Approval of Secretarial Minutes:** David Held noted that the list of upcoming speakers needs to change Shirley Hodges from June to August. Alice Raatz made a motion to accept the November minutes as submitted by recording secretary Cathy Morse. Seconded by Sam Pardee. Motion approved.

**Approval of Treasurer Report:** President David Held commented that the microfilm storage bill increase in payment was only 10 cents, which was good news. Paul Roney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as prepared by Marge James. Seconded by Sam Pardee. Motion carried.

## Officers Reports:

**President:** David Held read a Thank You note from the Capital Area Community Services for the food donation that members donated at our Christmas Potluck

**Treasurer:** Marge James reported that the microfilm reader/printer fund for November collected \$23 and December only \$2. The jar is being passed around for donations at tonight's meeting.

**Membership Secretary:** Jean Crawford reported that 24 members have not renewed. Current total membership is 102.

**Librarian:** Isabelle Wells purchased 2 new books for the library. South Eastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Eaton County and a 1891-1905 Ledger of the Leslie Odd Fellows Lodge.

Volunteers are always needed at the reference room, especially for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, as Isabelle is on jury duty.

Beginning Internet and Beginning computer classes will be held at the Mason Library. Contact the Mason Library for details.

## Committee Reports:

**MGC:** Sam Pardee reports from today's meeting that on March 18, 2006, MGC will conduct a program for societies on getting and keeping members and also on publishing and marketing your societies research.

Senate Bill 795 passed the Senate and moved on to the House of Representatives. It will be considered in committee in 2 weeks.

Today's speaker was from the Department of Public Health and spoke on "Genomics"

MGC may consider getting involved in the Family History Library project on digitizing records.

Also, MGC plans to microfilm the 1980 bicentennial certificates and supporting documentation that are currently available only in the Archives.

**Publications:** John Castle announced that the microfilming of Leroy township records is done and consists of 8 reels of film. A set was donated to the Library of Michigan and a set to our reference room. The Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne purchased a set at \$40/reel.

Last month's guest speaker, Kathleen Weesie's emailed John a list of web sites that would be of interest to anyone interested in "maps." Anyone wanting a copy, see John.

**Newsletter:** Barb Smith reports that the newsletter is ready for members to pick up on the back table

**Historian:** Alice Raatz commented that the History Book is up to date with many photos from our December Christmas Potluck and is available at tonight's meeting for all to see. Duplicate photos are available, talk to Alice.

**Computer:** Greg James reports that the computer is working fine.

**New Business:** David Held announced that the next Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Castle residence in Mason.

**Carole Callard Memorial Fund:** Isabelle Wells recommended that ICGS donate to the fund. Lynne Castle suggested at least \$100. Discussion followed. Sam Pardee made a motion that ICGS donate \$200. Pete Phelps seconded. Motion pended for further discussion. After discussion, Sam amended motion. ICGS will donate \$200 plus envelopes will be available next month for members to add individual donations. Norm Osborn seconded. Carried.

**Adjournment:** Isabelle Wells made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alice Raatz. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm to allow members to participate in a roundtable discussion.

David Held led a roundtable discussion. Many members shared their research stories.

**50/50 drawing:** Following the roundtable discussion, Norm Osborn conducted the drawing. Isabelle Wells won \$15, which she donated to the Carole Callard Memorial Fund.

Submitted by Alice Raatz (Substituting for Cathy Morse)