

Minutes Of Ingham County Genealogical Society
February 8, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Harry Warner at 7:10 pm; 32 members were present and 6 guests.

President Warner introduced the evening speaker Kris Rzepczynski whose subject was "Internet Research On Michigan." A very educational and informational talk was presented and enthusiastically received by all present.

President Warner called a 25 minute break at 8:15pm.

President Warner called the meeting back to order at 8:40pm.

The 50/50 drawing was held and Sam Pardee was the winner.

Trustees- no report.

Michigan Council- Tammy Parsons reported that only an executive board meeting was held this month and the only item of interest was the fact that the council has temporarily suspended their current projects while they consider digitizing of records and set a new course.

Newsletter- Isabelle Wells reported that the Newsletter was published on the Web site successfully and Cindy Hawkins is asking for items and information for the April Newsletter. Several positive comments were made from the floor on the digitizing of the newsletter.

Computer- Greg James reported that the computer at the Research Room and the Web site were performing satisfactorily. The Web page displayed the Newsletter successfully and only two members could not open it and they were given help.

Publications & Merchandise Sales- John Castle reported that work has begun on the microfilming project of Lansing Twp records. The records were inventoried and moved from the Township to the Castle residence. A work session will be held at the Castle's on Tuesday February 13 to further prepare the records for Microfilming. John also reported on the work done by President Harry Warner and himself on preparing the index of the "Ingham County Democrat" Newspaper for display and searching on the web site.

Historian- Alice Raatz reported that she needed a copy of minutes of the October 2006 meeting for the History book. Isabelle will send her a copy from the Research Room.

Publicity- Vice President David Held reported that announcement of tonight's meeting appeared in Lansing State Journal and all weekly papers in the county as well as the

Fowlerville News & Views. Suggestions for more publicity are welcome.

Old Business- President Warner reported on receiving a refund of \$25 on our current Insurance bill and it has been given to the Treasurer for deposit.

Minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections made. Under "librarian" it should say "The Greater Lansing Historical Society at Capital Area District Library". Under "Historian" correct the spelling to "Alice Raatz". Moved to accept the Minutes with the above corrections by David Held; seconded by Sam Pardee. Approved by Membership.

Treasurer Report was distributed. There being no additions, corrections or questions, it was moved by Sam Pardee to accept the Treasurer Report; seconded by David Held; approved.

Officer & Committee Reports:

Vice President-David Held reported that the October and November meetings do not have a speaker engaged at this time. This was done so that members might have more input into speakers and subjects they might like to cover. Please give your suggestions to vice president David Held.

Secretary-not present.

Treasurer-no report.

Membership-not present.

Reference Room- Isabelle Wells reported that a new revision of Donna Hemminger 's book, "Williamstown Township Cemeteries--Inscriptions and Related Information for Summit and Foote Cemeteries" has been received and is in the library. Volunteers are needed for library duty and a sign up list was passed among the members.

New business- Greg James reported that he had received a special flyer offering us the 2008 pocket calendars for the 2007 price. Moved by David Held to take advantage of the offer and sign up for the same amount we purchased last year. Seconded by Tammy Parsons; motion approved.

Paul Rooney reminded members of the tax deductible status of our and other Societies in case members want to use their membership dues or donations to the society on their income tax.

Sam Pardee reminded the group of the Introductory Genealogy Classes he will be presenting in March at several libraries in the county--March 6 at Williamston Library 2 p.m., March 20 at South Lansing Branch 6:30 p.m., March 21 at Foster Branch at 6:30

p.m. and March 22 at the Holt-Delhi Branch 7 p.m. The program is about 2 hours and all are welcome.

There being no further new business the meeting was adjourned by President Harry Warner at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted David Held acting secretary.