

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 11, 2010

The March 11, 2010, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Dave Held at 7:07 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 44 people in attendance, including 12 guests.

PROGRAM: Dirk Schweitzer spoke about “Using DNA Tests to Help with Genealogy Research.”

BUSINESS MEETING: The business meeting began at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Bill Carr moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2010, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer’s report were available. Total assets were \$10,416.84 as of February 28, 2010. Upon a motion by Grove Sandrock, the report was accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Dave Held reported on the executive board meeting held on March 4, 2010. The board approved having a table at the Mason Library for the Mason Spring Fling on the first Saturday in May. It also approved reduced prices for CDs and DVDs. In addition, the board authorized support of a project by the Mid Michigan Genealogical Society to index burials for all Ingham County cemeteries and to allow them to use ICGS cemetery information. The board also agreed to support a project by Bill and Julie Carr to index Michigan pioneer records held by the Library of Michigan. A committee consisting of Rod Jewett, Diane Bishop, John Castle and Dave Held was appointed to meet with the Ingham County Clerk about common concerns with genealogical matters. On March 18 the Capital Area District Library will present a program about Michigan governors entitled “Men Who Ruled Michigan.” The Monroe County Genealogical Society will have a seminar on March 27. The governor has appointed mostly business people to the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board. There has not been any interest from other libraries to house the state library collections.

Vice President Grove Sandrock reported the ICGS meeting on April 8 will feature Portia Vescio speaking about using MSU archives for genealogical research.

Librarian Diane Bishop asked for additional volunteers to work at the library. There have been many visitors to the reference room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Sam Pardee said the council met earlier this day. On March 15 the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board will take public comments about changes at the State Library. Six people, including Grove Sandrock, have

been chosen to represent the genealogy community. Many of the materials in the library that are considered non-Michigan may be moved to the archives. If that happens, it may take a little longer to access them. A free council workshop will be held on May 15. There will be a Federation of Genealogical Societies national program in Nashville, Tennessee in August. On March 17 Sam Pardee is presenting a program "Michigan Early Military Forces" for the Eaton County Genealogical Society and he will present it again to the Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society on March 23. Isabelle Wells noted there will be a free seminar about using on-line resources on April 3 at the Library of Michigan.

Isabelle Wells, reporting for newsletter editor Cindy Hawkins, said the newsletter will be ready in April.

Social Arrangements Chair Sherri Sleep asked members to sign up to bring snacks to the meetings.

Web Master Greg James mentioned that some e-mail notices have been returned because of incorrect addresses.

Publicity Chair Dave Held said information about ICGS is getting out to more areas now. There have been responses from people in Ovid and Perry.

Merchandise Sales Chair Isabelle Wells reported the prices for ICGS merchandise are 25 percent less than before. A set of 5 Ingham County News DVDs may be purchased by members for \$75 and a set of 4 Ingham County Democrat DVDs for \$60.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Held encouraged members to attend the library meeting on March 15. He also noted the executive board voted not to purchase calendars this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Carr asked for volunteers to help index entries in the Michigan Pioneers books held by the Library of Michigan. Julie and Bill Carr are currently working on volumes 11 and 12, but there are 26 more volumes to index. The indexes could be made available on the ICGS web site.

Julie Carr proposed holding a bake sale at the Spring Fling to increase traffic at the ICGS station.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary