

Ingham County Genealogical Society
April 8, 2004

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Pardee at 7:05 pm. 24 members and guests were present. Paul Miller from Eaton county was a guest.

Shirley Hodges announced that the April 1 deadline for registration for the Eaton County workshop on April 17 has been extended. Anyone interested should contact Shirley or sign up online.

The meeting was suspended for tonight's guest speaker. Sam introduced John Castle from ICGS who gave a very interesting talk on "Township Records and The Handprints They Leave Behind"

The meeting was resumed after a coffee break with the 50/50 drawing. Isabelle Wells won \$16, of which she donated \$15 to the microfilm reader/printer fund.

Approval of Minutes: Lynne Castle made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented by recording secretary, Alice Raatz. Tammy Parsons seconded. Carried.

Officer's reports:

Sam Pardee, MGC delegate, reports the following from today's MCG Executive Board meeting.

MGC is considering increasing the membership society dues to \$20.

MCG is planning to co-host the 2007 seminar in Ft. Wayne.

Family History Month will be celebrated in October. A workshop on Oct 16th is planned at the State Library. Assistance is needed with registration and facilities.

Programs are being considered to work with the school children and/or Scouts assisting them with genealogy projects.

Volunteers are needed at the State Library. Minimum 2/hr per week. Flyers are on the back table.

Next months MGC program will be regarding copy right laws and proposed changes.

Sam also reports that David Held was married yesterday which is the reason for being absent tonight.

Treasurer, Marge James announced that last month's microfilm reader printer donation fund received \$24.25 from the pass around container.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, reports that current membership is 116 with 5 new members.

March 20th Collectors Showcase sold \$22 in merchandise.

Trustee, Lorraine Larkins, reports that the treasurer's books have been audited and are in good order. A written report is complete and awaiting a signature from trustee Norma Hass who was absent tonight.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, reports that she purchased a couple books from the Collectors Showcase.

Tues. Apr. 13 at 2 p.m., the Aurelius Township Senior's group will meet at the township hall.

Reference room will be closed 3 Saturdays, April 17, May 8 and May 29.

1901-15 Ingham County Democrat newspaper index is online. Many inquiries are coming in.

Computer chairman: Greg James was alerted that the Ingham County Democrat index has duplicates. Greg will fix this problem as soon as possible.

John Castle, Publications, reported that he received a letter and a \$10,000 check from the Abrams Foundation as a result of our request for grant money.

John commented on the lack of members assisting with the microfilming project. Discussion was held regarding communication with members for work sessions, ways in which work could be accomplished, and who is willing and available. John will email members when help is needed.

Newsletter chairperson, Barb Smith reports that the April newsletter is ready. Members attending tonight's meeting can pick them up, and the remainders will be mailed out.

Old Business:

Sam again reminded members to be thinking about possible plans for ICGS 10th Anniversary in 2005. Alice Raatz suggested that Sam assign a committee to work on planning. Alice Raatz and Tammy Parsons agreed to take on this task.

New Business;

Upcoming events for ICGS are:

May 13	Cynthia Theusch
June 10	Roundtable discussion
July 8	Annual Picnic

Next Executive Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the home of Tammy Parsons, 5930 Harper Road in Holt.

Sam Pardee adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz