

ICGS SOCIETY MEETING
May 11, 2006

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Cathy Morse.

Meeting was called to order by Society President, David Held at 7:10 p.m.

Number of members present: ____

Visitors present: ____

Chris Czopek, a member of ICGS, presented information on Michigan during the Civil War. His main interest is in researching Michigan soldiers who were held in the Andersonville Prison in Georgia by the Confederacy. The information presented was very interesting and Mr. Czopek had copies of his research for sale. He is also known as "The History Detective" for his research work on the Civil War.

BUSINESS MEETING:

David Held called the meeting to order at 8:35.

Secretary Minutes: Recording Secretary Cathy Morse distributed minutes from the April 13, 2006 meeting. Changes were requested by the members for an acronym and the spelling of Norm Osborn's last name. A corrected set of the minutes will be prepared for the record and resubmitted to Isabelle Wells for the library.

Norm Osborn held the 50/50 drawing.

Treasurer Report: Marge James had collected \$24 in the CD Disk Project jar.

Membership: Jean Crawford stated that the society currently has 115 members, 45 members and 12 visitors attended the April 13, 2006.

Vice President Harry Warner had nothing new to report.

Reference Room: Isabelle Wells reminded the members that the reference room was open on Tuesdays and Saturdays and passed around a sign-up sheet for the coming months. She will be out of town on May 30, and if a volunteer isn't found to work that day, the Reference Room will have to be closed for the day. The Reference Room will be closed on Memorial Day week-end May 27, 2006. Isabelle said that the Mason Library is offering free computer classes for novices on the Internet. Anyone interested would have to pre-register at the Mason Library.

Trustees: Pete Phelps said the auditors had reviewed the society books prepared by Marge James and found everything in order.

Michigan Council: Tammy Parsons had been unable to attend so had nothing to report.

Newsletter: Barb Smith had nothing to report.

Publications: John Castle reported that the society participated in the Collector's Showcase with a merchandise sale at the Main Library in downtown Lansing on May 6, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The ICGS had nine volunteers attending to represent the society. The next microfilm project will be Meridian Township. John and Lynn Castle were seeking volunteers to help alphabetize 1,600 burial records. John also extended thanks to the 11 volunteers who helped collect and organize the Meridian township records. John also indicated that he had received a letter of thanks from State Librarian for Special Collections, Edwina Morgan, for receipt of records and documents on LeRoy Township records and cemeteries.

Historian: Alice Raatz nothing new to report.

Computer: Greg James was contacted by Isabelle Wells to check out the computer in the Reference Room as it was malfunctioning. Greg worked on it and got it running. The Reference Room is also in need of a printer in working condition. Greg received a sample of the society calendars for 2007 containing the society's website and e-mail address on it. The calendars should be ready for distribution in August or September. Greg is waiting for additional feedback on the review of the Williamston Enterprise discs and should be ready to report the status of the discs at the June meeting.

President Held informed society members that the board had discussed the compilation and distribution of a packet of information for new members. He asked the membership to contact him with ideas of what to include in the information packet.

Old Business: Marge James sent a check for \$254 to the Carole Collard endowment fund.

New Business: The nominating committee for the upcoming year was being finalized. The society will need to apply for a grant from the Abrams Foundation to complete the microfilming of township records.

John Castle made a motion to adjourn and Tammy Parsons seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.