

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**May 15, 2008**

President Harry Warner called the April 10, 2008, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 27 people in attendance, including 2 guests.

**PROGRAM:** All present participated in a round table discussion of genealogy problems and solutions.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The business meeting began at 8:31 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Dave Held moved for approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2008, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of May 15, 2008, are \$25,442.08. Beth Hall moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** Vice President Dave Held asked if members saw newspaper notices of the night's meeting. The Lansing State Journal is still printing the notice a couple of weeks before the meeting. Grove Sandrock said he heard the announcement on WKAR radio.

Librarian Rodney Jewett reported the acquisition of a new book from a Leslie genealogist. Sign-up sheets for June, July and August were circulated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Publication Committee Chairperson John Castle said he is submitting the society's 2009 grant request to the Abrams Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to microfilm Ingham County News for the years 1935 – 1969. Alaiedon Township records were microfilmed and the originals returned to the township. Copies will be at the Mason Library and the Library of Michigan.

Historian Alice Raatz is starting the 2008 history book but still needs May 2007 minutes.

Isabelle Wells, Alternate Michigan Council Delegate, reported the council met on Wednesday, May 7. They are trying to identify a meeting date that is most convenient for all members. The next meeting is in September. The May meeting included an update on the archives. Death certificates are still available, but will soon be taken by Ancestry for digitizing and will not be available for awhile. Once digitized, the records will be at the Library of Michigan. A new web site, [www.SeekinMichigan.org](http://www.SeekinMichigan.org) will include death certificates and Civil War photos free of charge. The site will include links to local genealogy society sites including ICGS. A two and a half day seminar is being planned for October 2009 in Midland. Dr. Schweitzer will be one of the speakers. Lists of grant sources were handed out at the council meeting. The Stockbridge Library received a grant from Consumers Power for a reader/printer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

NEW BUSINESS: Harry Warner reminded members there will be no meetings in June and July. The next meeting will be the picnic in August. Cups, plates, drinks and condiments will be provided. Bring a dish to pass.

Norm Osborn asked about ICGS obtaining funding for a reader/printer. John Castle said the membership said it wanted to use its funds to digitize records instead. Rod Jewett said the cost of a reader/printer would range from \$6,000 to \$10,000, with the less expensive unit having a lower resolution. Isabelle Wells noted space was also a concern. There probably is no room for it in the Mason Library. ICGS currently has a reader, but it does not have a printer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary