

Ingham County Genealogical Society

June 9, 2005

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, David Held. 31 members and guests were present. Guests were Michael Bushnell and James LaLone. Board members absent were Carole Callard, Joyce Yeutter, and Lorraine Larkins.

Approval of Secretarial Minutes: Previous minutes listed Joyce Laird as a guest in error, she is a member. Sam Pardee made a motion to accept (with correction) the April minutes as submitted by recording secretary, Alice Raatz. Joyce Darrow seconded. Carried.

Approval of Treasurer Report: Current balance on hand is \$16,159.24. Alice Raatz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted by Marge James. Isabelle Wells seconded. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

President: Food sign up sheet are being circulated for the annual July Picnic. John Castle will reserve pavilion, but may hold indoor, due to unpredictable weather and sporting events. Time will be 6 pm. Members should bring dish to pass and table service.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at Tammy Parsons home in Holt.

Treasurer: Marge James reported that the microfilm printer/reader fund for April collected \$29. The container is being passed for all to donate at this meeting.

Membership Secretary: Jean Crawford reported that the society sold \$90 in merchandise at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Ingham County Courthouse in May.

Current membership is 115, down slightly, with only 2 members having joined since October 2004.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells reported that 4 weeks ago the Mason Library closed due to mold and odors coming from the basement. Isabelle was given permission to enter the reference room with a respirator mask and remove our microfilm, CD's, and microfiche. John, Lynne and Isabelle attended a meeting at the City Hall last Monday evening, but the two sides have not come to any agreement and the future of the Library remains uncertain. The city will circulate surveys for resident to give their input. Future and alternatives for our reference room will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

MGC: Sam Pardee reports that the Library Foundation will host a retirement celebration for Carole Callard on July 14th at 11 a.m.

An MGC workshop "Are Seminars Viable?" planned for June 18th may be cancelled due to lack of interest. Only 1 person has signed up.

October 22, 2005, MCG will host a seminar on Family History.

Publications:

John Castle reported that Bunker Hill Township will be the next microfilming project. A portion of the records have been picked up. Page counting and sorting has begun. Next will be Williamstown and Leroy Townships.

Historian: Alice Raatz, reports the book is available on the back table. All the 10th anniversary photos have not been developed, but will be available by next month for all to view.

Computer Chairman: Greg James reports that the computer has not been in use to the closing of the Mason Library. If the Library remains closed for an extended time, Greg will remove the computer from the building.

An announcement about the closed Library has been placed on our web site.

Old Business:

ICGS 10th Anniversary: Chairperson, Alice Raatz reported that the 10th Anniversary was a success with 51 persons attending. Power Point presentation of the 10 year history was shown. Expenses for invitations, postage, name tags, and flowers were under \$300, which was well within budget.

New Business: David Held announced that he has chosen John Castle, Sam Pardee and Joyce Darrow (all past presidents) to be the nominating committee for 2005-06. One more person is needed. Anyone interested should contact David or John.

50/50 Drawing: Norm Osborn ran the 50/50. Sam Pardee won \$15.00 which he donated to the Microfilm Printer/Reader Fund.

David Held introduced James LaLone who gave an interesting and informative talk on "French Canadian Research"

Adjournment: Alice Raatz made a motion to adjourn. David Held adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz