

ICGS SOCIETY MEETING
June 8, 2006

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Cathy Morse.

Meeting was called to order by Society President, David Held at 7:05 p.m.

Number of members present: ____

Visitors present: 6

President Held introduced Mary Teachout from the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health who is a Genomics Educator. Ms. Teachout discussed the difference between genetics and genomics and the importance of taking family history records to make individual lives better. Genomics is the combination of lifestyle, behavior, environment, and chronic disease on an individual. It is important when researching family history to consider the health of three to four generations. Questions should be asked about relationships, individual behaviors such as smoking, number of family members diagnosed with a particular disease and age at diagnosis. The family health history can be used as a disease prevention tool for the current generation. Some risk factors of disease are: environment, lack of exercise, poor diet, obesity, smoking, and genetics. More than 25 percent of Michigan's population is considered obese.

BUSINESS MEETING:

David Held called the meeting to order at 8:10.

Secretary Minutes: Recording Secretary Cathy Morse distributed minutes from the May 11, 2006 meeting. Changes were requested by Tammy Parson's to include a change in hours for the Archives at the Library of Michigan. They will be available on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. New sign-in procedures have also been implemented. Norm Osborn held the 50/50 drawing.

Treasurer Report: Marge James reported that the society had a balance of \$20,422. Marge stated that \$25 was collected in May for the Digital Record Translation Fund. A motion was made by Lynn Castle to accept the report and Sam Pardee seconded the motion.

Norm Osborn held the 50/50 drawing and Pete Phelps won \$18.50.

President David Held announced that the annual picnic and board meeting would be held on July 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President Harry Warner had nothing new to report.

Recording Secretary Cathy Morse had nothing new to report.

Membership: Jean Crawford stated that 38 members and 6 visitors attended the May 11, 2006 meeting. An updated membership list will be mailed out. Any changes or edits are to be communicated to Jean.

Reference Room: Isabelle Wells announced that the Abrams Seminar would be held on July 21 and 22 at a cost of \$35. Beginning July 1, the hours for the reference room will change. The reference room will no longer be open on Saturdays due to lack of volunteers, hot temperatures during the summer months, and few visitors. The library will remain open on Tuesdays. Society members can have access to the reference room whenever the library is open by showing their membership cards to the librarian in exchange for a key to the reference room. Members should sign in when they enter the reference room and make sure the PC, monitor, and printer are turned off when they leave. Isabelle will be willing to make arrangements with members to meet them at the library if they call and make arrangements with her in advance.

Trustees: Neither Pete Phelps or Joyce Yeutter had anything to report.

Michigan Council: Sam Pardee reported that the Council discussed the delegate meeting to be held in July. A letter will be sent to all delegates informing them of topics to be discussed, such as: how to work with and research manuscripts at the main library; introduction to genealogy programs for the general public; genetics and genealogy; and researching township records.

Tammy Parsons reported that the Illinois State Genealogy Society would be holding a conference in October and would like brochures from all 50 states. The Michigan Council was working with the Library of Michigan to hold a genealogy seminar on October 14.

Newsletter: Barb Smith had nothing to report.

Publications: John Castle reported on the microfilm project at Meridian Township. John said township records were sent to microfilm and there will be 19 reels of film. There were a vast number of records to microfilm: 4,000 burial transit permits, 2,000 death records, and over 1,000 birth records. The ICGS has undertaken 17 microfilm projects over the last 5 years. Still need to microfilm records for Williamston, Webberville and Stockbridge.

Lynn Castle thanked the 11 people who photocopied the records and alphabetized them.

Historian: Alice Raatz had pictures from May 11, 2006 guest speaker, Chris Czopek and Ed Parker's birthday.

Computer: Greg James got a new printer for the library which can produce legal size copies. He will report back on the Williamston newspaper disks at the next meeting.

President Held stated that he had sent a letter to the community newspapers regarding society meetings, but that the information had not appeared in the newspapers. He will follow-up on why the notice was omitted.

Old Business: None was reported.

New Business: No cookies will be needed at the next meeting because of the picnic.

John Castle made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.