

July 12, 2001

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by President John Castle.

Speaker for the evening program is Shirley Hodges, and her program is entitled: "Tracing Your Ancestors Through Military Records".

After the program and the break, the 50-50 drawing was held and David Held was the winner.

Joyce Darrow made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Tammy Parsons and minutes were approved.

Treasurer report indicates a balance of \$2265.53 in checking and \$9379.47 in special projects savings. Special projects include micro-filming of the Stockbridge newspapers.

Isabelle Wells brought some of the resource materials from our room at the library that tie in with the evenings program topic. She also brought some CD ROM's that are available for patrons and members to use in research. These include the 1900, 1910, 1920 census for Ingham County. Coming projects include indexing the census records. Isabelle also indicated there is room for more volunteers to work at the library.

Tammy Parsons gave a report on the happenings of the Michigan Genealogical Council. Points of interest included new cabinets in the newspaper micro-film room, re-paving of current patron parking lot and changing entrance/exit locations, Replacing computer desks in library, Current status of the Burton Library and it's collection (now operating). One new operation of the Michigan Department Vital Records. For an additional \$5.00 (per document), walk-in customers can get their documents while waiting, instead of leaving requests and receiving documents by mail.

Guests included Pam Swiler and Lori Fox from the Ionia County Genealogical Society. They brought flyers regarding an appraisal fair (fund-raiser) the society is conducting on September 15, 2001 at the Lake Odessa Public Library.

Nominating committee is finalizing their ballot. The Social Activities committee would like a volunteer to replace current committee.

Their being no further business before the chair, meeting was closed with a note that the August meeting will be held on 8 August 2001, and that there would be no Board of Directors meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted by Sam Pardee, Secretary