

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**November 13, 2008**

President David Held called the November 13, 2008, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:13 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 34 people in attendance, including 4 guests.

**PROGRAM:** Lori Fox presented "Making Sense of the Census." The Ionia County Genealogical Society has just published a large volume entitled Collection of Memories of World War II veterans connected with Ionia County. Copies are available for sale.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The business meeting began at 8:19 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Upon a motion by Jan Shepler, the minutes of the October 9, 2008, meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of October 31, 2008, are \$19,886.56. Norm Osborn moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** President Dave Held announced meeting dates for 2009 will be February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10. Usage of the Vevay Township Hall has been confirmed for those dates. No meetings will be held in January, June and July. The Executive Board met and approved a budget of \$4,200. The board also discussed how to handle incoming genealogical queries and it was decided to funnel all requests to the librarian to redirect to the appropriate person for response, usually either John Castle or the library volunteers. Rod Jewett will set up an e-mail page for queries. Newsletters from other societies will be brought to meetings so that members can take them home or they will be discarded.

Co-Vice President Isabelle Wells reported that she and Grove Sandrock are working on programs for next year.

Membership Secretary Cathy Morse reported there are 86 paid members. She has sent 40 reminder cards to those who have not renewed their memberships.

Librarian Rod Jewett said he has volunteers signed up through January. The society's library room will be closed the last week of the year.

Trustee Pete Phelps said the trustees are working on the audit for last year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Sam Pardee said even though three trustees or directors are needed for 501 (c) (3) organizations, ICGS does not need to appoint a third trustee since an elected officer can serve as the third person. The MGC is considering podcasts and electronic meetings to get genealogical

societies involved, but the equipment at the state library is outdated. He will check on National Guard conferencing availability. The MGC decided to cancel a statewide conference that was slated for May 2009 in Midland. The Library of Michigan death index project digitization may be done in January. The records will be posted on: <http://www.SeekingMichigan.org>

MGC Delegate Tammy Parsons said that web site will be improved.

Publications Committee Chairperson John Castle reported he and Rod Jewett met with CSC, a microfilming company, about digitizing the Ingham County News from 1869 to 1934. Since more grant money is promised for next year, ICGS will be able to continue microfilming the Ingham County News from 1935 to 1975. Dave Held noted ICGS will need a lot of volunteers to help with this project.

Historian Alice Raatz said the history book is up to date through the last meeting.

Web Master Greg James asked members to let him know if they are not receiving e-mails from him. Members should verify the address on the membership list handed out at this meeting. Dave Held reported Greg James has finished the Ingham County Democrat death information and it is on the ICGS website now.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Held asked for volunteers for the Social Committee and the Merchandise Sales Committee. He also indicated that the Executive Board has decided a microfilm reader/printer is needed even if some records are digitized. Rod Jewett and Bill Carr will visit other societies to help in selecting a microfilm reader/printer.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Held stated that the ICGS bylaws do not need to be changed to add a trustee. The next meeting is the Christmas pot luck dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. on December 11, 2008. Dining will begin about 6:30 p.m. Bring your own place setting and dish to pass. Help is needed with set up. Let Harry Warner know who can help Cathy Warner.

Isabelle Wells reminded everyone to bring canned goods for the food bank plus genealogical finds or problems to share with all. She also stated the Eaton County Genealogical Society will have a seminar with a speaker from Global Genealogy in May, 2009.

The Executive Board will meet at the Castle residence on November 20, 2008, at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary