

Ingham County Genealogical Society
November 10, 2011

The November 10, 2011, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 29 people in attendance, including 2 guests.

INSTALLATION OF 2011-2012 ICGS OFFICER: John Castle administered the oath of office to Recording Secretary Sheri Sleep.

PROGRAM: The program consisted of a round table discussion, "Let's Salute Our Veteran Ancestors in Honor of Veterans Day." The information will be collected for the history book and the newsletter.

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the business meeting began at 8:27 p.m.

MINUTES: Phyllis Whidden moved to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2011, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Grove Sandrock announced Cathy Morse will be the coordinator of the greeter program. Cathy Morse said greeters are needed for March, April and November 2012. Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of October 31, 2011, are \$13,122.37 including \$3,621.58 in grant money. Membership Secretary Cathy Morse reminded all that the membership year began October and dues are payable now. There are 84 paid memberships to date. Librarian Diane Bishop asked for volunteers for library duty on Wednesdays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Newsletter Chair Cindy Hawkins said the next newsletter will be published in January and asked for articles, especially on veterans. Historian Alice Raatz said the history book is up to date. Merchandise Chair Isabelle Wells said there is a close-out sale on most CDs. ICGS will concentrate on newspaper DVDs and CDs and the Unlocking Locke Township CD in the future. Social Arrangements Chair Lorie Neuman announced the holiday pot luck on December 15 will begin serving at 6:30 p.m. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange and canned food for the Mason food bank. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided, but participants are asked to bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Cindy Hawkins and her son volunteered to deliver the food to the food bank. Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Tammy Parsons said corrections are being made to the links for death record images in seekingmichigan.org. The Dewey collection on the fourth floor of the Library of Michigan has all been auctioned off. The library will no longer add to the genealogy collection nor add staff to assist patrons. It is no longer a circulating library, except through MeL, and won't participate in out-of-state interlibrary loans. It also will not accept gifts to the genealogical collection, but the State Archives will on a case-by-case basis consider items rejected by the library. The Library of Michigan and the State Archives are currently negotiating a proposal that the archives take control of all genealogical materials. Because of privacy concerns, access to some fields in the Social Security Death Index may be curtailed. There will be an officer workshop April 21, 2012 and an Abrams seminar is being planned for July 2012. Genealogical societies were asked to

send a list of items each has indexed and whether available to the public. Send to grostick@att.net.

NEW BUSINESS: Grove Sandrock explained the need for an amendment to the bylaws to allow appointment of a delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Printed copies of the proposed amendment were available to all. It states:

PROPOSED ICGS BYLAWS AMENDMENT

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF ICGS DELEGATE TO FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

ICGS Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5 (by addition)

"The president shall appoint a Historian (to collect and file documents and other material pertaining to the history of the Society), ~~and~~ Michigan Genealogical Council Representatives and Alternates (to attend meetings of the Michigan Council and make reports thereof at the regular meeting of the Society) and a Delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies."

SUBMITTED BY: ICGS BOARD

TO BE VOTED UPON BY INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AT DECEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING.

Sam Pardee moved to approve putting the amendment to a vote at the December meeting. No vote was taken, but the amendment will be voted on in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT: Alice Raatz reported the obituary of ICGS member Bartlett Smith was in today's Lansing State Journal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Substitute Recording Secretary