

Ingham County Genealogical Society
February 9, 2012

The February 9, 2012 regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall in Mason, MI. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 38 people in attendance including 7 guests.

PROGRAM: Lorri Miller, owner and operator of Mt. Hope Monument Company, spoke about the meaning of different symbols used on headstones. Titled : “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.”

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the business meeting began at 8:19 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from November 2011 had to be put on hold until the March 2012 meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Grove Sandrock addressed the ICGS sadness of the passing of Donna Marion Heminger and the family's desire to have donations in her name made to the ICGS. We have received quite a few already and the Board will address how the funds will be used at their meeting. John Castle, Sam Pardee and Isabelle Wells all shared some fond memories of her. One of them being that she was the first speaker for the ICGS when it was formed. Her dedication to researching families in Ingham County was tireless and was a passion which earned her an “honorary membership.”

Harry Warner was introduced as our new “Webmaster” and already our website has gone through some changes.

The society is still searching for a VP.

TREASURER: Bill Carr reported that sales are doing well and the donations are also doing fine.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: We have 84 members and 4 new ones are attending tonight's meeting.

END OF OFFICER REPORTS.

COMMITTEE and DELEGATE REPORTS:

Cindy Hawkins needs more information and articles for the newsletter and is asking members for ideas. Sam Pardee (also speaking for Tammy Parsons who was absent) reports that the Board of Directors and Committee chairs and elected officials for the MI. Genealogical Society will meet on Apr. 28, 2012 in Oscoda.. There will be an “officer workshop” and some subjects to be discussed will be: internet usage, a newsletter and how to use social networking such as Face Book , how to do blogging and much more.

LIBRARIAN: Diane Bishop reported that there are 2 new scanners in the library, we can now do micro-film to flash drive and there is a “Dewey” part in the library. Some books have been moved and there are changes in the archives. July 14, 2012 there will be an Abrams seminar at Library of MI. in downtown Lansing.

SSDI : There are problems with it due to issues in Washington, DC mainly due to the changing of timelines of viewing due to people stealing identities. There is a petition that you can go in and sign as well as being able to register online. Go to: Whitehouse.gov first then go to FGS and follow the steps. Also see the website and the FaceBook pages for ICGS for more information.

MERCHANDISE SALES: Isabelle Wells reported that DVD price reductions were made on some items. There are CD's at closeout prices available for purchase. Shirts are now also available for purchase. They are "pre-paid" items and we must have a minimum of 13 ordered before the order can be placed.

WEBSITE : Harry Warner has added links to the site and would like to get more for Ingham Co. and if members know of helpful sites, then send them to him and he will add them on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We will join the Federation of Genealogical Society when we get a delegate. A motion for the delegate appointment and a by-law amendment was made and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The 1940 census will be available in April. It is FREE on Family Search and Ancestry.com charges. It will not be indexed. If you know the street address, then you can find information. Some societies are working on indexing it. Family Search asked the ICGS to help index although we cannot pick the location to work on and so the membership was asked if there were any volunteers to do so. Fifteen members raised their hands and said that they would like to help so Grove is going to look into it and get back to the members with his findings.

The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2012 at Vevay Township Hall in Mason at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheri Sleep

Recording Secretary