

Ingham County Genealogical Society
May 10, 2012

The May 10, 2012 membership 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 26 people in attendance, 2 of them were visitors.

PROGRAM: Conducting Genealogical Research at the Ingham County Probate Court – George Strander, Court Administrator & Probate Register, was the guest speaker.

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Sam Pardee and was seconded by JoAnn DePeel to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2012. The motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: President Grove Sandrock reported that the final amount donated to the Donna Marion Heminger Memorial fund is \$605.00. The genealogy section of the Mason library now houses a large portion of her years of research. The board is working on a way to honor her and the possibility of digitizing her works is being considered.

The ICGS is still willing to contribute the money that was promised to help in the moving of the Abrams Collection to the Michigan Archives. Treasurer Bill Carr said that the money is available as soon as an official request for the funds is made to the society.

The Spring Fling on May 5, 2012 had a wonderful turn out and Bill Carr made the suggestion that next year, the ICGS should look at the possibility of having our own table instead of sharing one with another participant. Bookmarks that included the many types of information available at the Mason Library were handed out.

The Nominations Committee will have between May 10, 2012 to August 9, 2012 to find people willing to fill the positions that will be open due to the expiration of their term. The names will then be shared with the membership at the annual picnic on August 9, 2012 meeting. The election will take place at the September 13 meeting. An official swearing in ceremony will be done in October, 2012.

The ICGS Executive Board of Directors will submit the name of John Castle for the Lucy-Mary Kellogg Award for the many years of dedication and work that he has done. May 31, 2012 is the deadline for any letters from members that want to help with the recognition of John's hard work. A speaker for the September 13, 2012 meeting has been found. Shirley Hodges will be speaking about: Genealogy Research Using Maps, Gazeeteers and Directories Resources.

TREASURER: Bill Carr thanked all of the members that volunteered at the Spring Fling and praised them for making the ICGS participation a success. He reported that the finances are in good shape right now. Expenses are down and at this time, the society is breaking even. He also reiterated that when the request for the \$1,000.00 that the ICGS said it would donate to help in the movement of the Abrams Collection to the Michigan Archives is made, the money will be made available to them.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Cathy Morse said that there are no new members and nothing else to report at this time.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:

NEWSLETTER: Cindy Hawkins would like Veteran information to put in the newsletter in time for Memorial Day.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL DELEGATES: Tammy Parsons reports that the 1940 census is 30% complete and MGC is looking for people to help in the indexing of the census. The Council is in the running for a free seminar that would be totally sponsored by Family Search. The seminar includes known speakers. Currently, the MGC is in 3rd place, with 243,000 records indexed. a Public records: Bill #5404 prohibits land locked cemeteries . Contact your representative and urge support for this bill which would amend the Land Division Act to reject plans that make cemeteries not accessible.

The Abrams Collection : An agreement has been signed between the Dept. of Education and the DNR. Few administrative issues need to be worked out and then a joint press release will come out explaining the details.

Dates to be aware of: Abrams seminar: July 13th afternoon – 2 free sessions and then on July 14th, Josh Taylor, a Nationally known speaker, will be the guest. There will be more details available, check the MGC website for more information.

Family History seminar is Nov. 10, 2012 details available at a later date.

MERCHANDISE: Today is the last day to order any items from the genealogical society until after September.

WEBSITE: Harry Warner was absent so Grove Sandrock filled in for him. The question was asked: “Do members want to receive e-mails from other genealogical groups?” Based upon mixed reaction from members, Harry will be asked to set up a distribution list for those interested in such communication.

SOCIAL: Lorie Newman: Sign up for the picnic which will be held August 9,2012 at the Vevay Township Hall pavilion. Everyone is to bring an item for a silent auction.

OTHER: Rod Jewett: Looking for volunteers to help index death records for Burial Transit permits for Lansing Township to put on the ICGS website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The annual picnic will take place on August 9, 2012 at the Vevay Township Hall under the pavilion. The next regular membership meeting will be held on September 13, 2012 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. At Bill Carr's house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Report submitted by Sheri Sleep, Recording Secretary

