

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**October 11, 2012**

The October 11, 2012, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall, Mason, Michigan. President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 35 people in attendance including 2 guests.

**PROGRAM:** Sam Pardee, ICGS Delegate to MGC and ICGS member, was the guest speaker. His presentation was about "Researching Early Michigan Military Forces."

**BUSINESS MEETING:** After a short break, President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected for the September 13, 2012 meeting by Beth Hall and was seconded by Ron Smith. The motion was accepted and passed.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:** The new officers were introduced and administered the Oath of Office by John Castle.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Diane Bishop reported that the Eaton County Genealogical Society was sponsoring a bus trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Saturday, November 3, 2012. She was not sure if there were any spaces available however. She also reported that the Michigan Genealogical Council/Archives of Michigan Fall Seminar would be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Kris Rzepczynski of the Archives of Michigan is giving all interested members of the ICGS a 30 minute tour on Monday October 29, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone should meet at the front desk by the snack area. They will also be issuing ID cards for the archives at this time so bring a picture ID.

**Treasurer:** Bill Carr presented the 2012-2013 Budget. He reported that the biggest expense is digitalization of records but had some grant money and donations earmarked for the project. Added publicity and promotion line item in recognition of the reality of the situation. Even though the report shows expenses higher than revenue, which is due to timing issues and we are actually in the black. A motion was made to accept the budget and report by Sam Pardee and seconded by Tammy Parsons. The motion was accepted and passed.

**Membership:** Cathy Morse reported that at the end of September there were 90 active members and over half have renewed for 2012-2013. She is still accepting renewals. There are 6 new members. Any new membership cards not collected at the meeting will be mailed. John Castle found a membership count from 1996 and reported that the society had 33 members at that time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reports that the newsletter is almost done and will be sent soon. She is waiting to put in the picture of the new officers.

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**Librarian:** Barbara Bridges reports that she is still learning the contents of the library. She has passed around the volunteer signup sheet. Diane said thank you to the many individuals that have helped out in the last year. Down Home Days had good weather and a great turn out. Lots of people stopped and talked to people. It was well worth the time effort.

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reports that the last of the closed out CD's have sold. We still have CD's of the Williamston and Ingham County newspapers for sale. The township record CD's are available at the library.

**Historian:** Alice Raatz reports that she has added information to the scrapbooks in the last couple of months. She passed the new pages around for people to look at.

**Website:** Harry Warner reports that an evaluation of the website was recently done and some changes were made based on it. Mason Michigan and copyright information was added to the title page. Some other recommended changes will be evaluated by the board. The picture of the new officers will be added as well.

**Publicity:** Dave Held reports that getting notices of meetings published is still hit and miss. The notice needs to be sent 2 Fridays before the meeting. The notice was submitted to the City Pulse.

**Social:** Diane thanked Lorie Neuman for taking care of things for tonight's meeting but we now need a new person to take over since Lorie is now Vice President. It involves setting up the coffee, tea and snacks for the meetings as well as organizing the Christmas party and August picnic. Please call or email Diane if you wish to volunteer.

**Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates:** Sam Pardee reports that the Archives of Michigan will be open on Saturdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. starting in January. They are also making changes to the website Seeking Michigan. MGC is also sponsoring a Pioneer and Military Certification Project. It will issue certificates while raising money for the council. Sam also suggested using a worksheet he developed when interviewing people or doing research. He suggested putting copies at the library for outside researchers use.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Holiday party in December will start at 6 p.m. and we will eat at 6:30 p.m. Everyone should bring a dish to pass, a white elephant gift, and canned food to donate to the food bank.

Last year the society used paper ballots to elect trustees. It was brought to Diane attention that most organizations don't keep old election ballots for more than a year. A motion was made to "authorize the destruction of ballots from the 2011-2012 election of officers of ICGS" by Grove Sandrock and Dave Held seconded. The motion was accepted and passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday November 8, 2012 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Natalie Winans will be the guest speaker and will present “Victorian Clothing and Fashion – Knowledge in aiding in identifying people or dates of photos.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tammy Parsons and seconded by Isabelle Wells. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:57 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary