

## ICGS February 2013 Meeting Minutes

The February 14, 2013, 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 7:10 p.m. There were 22 people in attendance including 2 guests.

**PROGRAM:** Robert Strobel was the guest speaker. His presentation was on "Getting to Know Your Ancestors Through Handwriting Analysis."

**BUSINESS MEETING:** After a short break, President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the November 8, 2012 meeting by Grove Sandrock and was seconded by Tammy Parsons. The motion was accepted and passed.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President:** Diane Bishop reminded membership that the Archives at the Library of Michigan has added Saturday hours and that we need to use them so they know that the access is important to us. She reported that she has flyers on the Michigan Historical Society's conference called Michigan in Perspective being held in Livonia and the FGS Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana if anybody is interested.

**Treasurer:** Bill Carr was not present but he sent the report. A motion was made to accept the report by Beth Hall and was seconded by Joann Depeel. The motion was accepted and passed.

**Membership Secretary:** Cathy Morse reported via Diane that the society has 82 members which is down a little a bit from the past.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reports that the next newsletter will be sent out in April. She is looking for articles or other ideas for the newsletter. She will also accept articles about veterans. Submit articles to her or to the website. FGS will be evaluating our newsletter sometime in the future.

**Librarian:** Barbara Bridges reports that the library has been busy with research requesting that have been coming in mostly by email. She will be out of town for a while and Diane Bishop or Isabelle Wells will be filling in for her.

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reports that we have had the first sale in 2013. Rod is working on the new DVD's of Ingham County News for 1935-1969 but there have been some problems and it has been a lot of work. There is a copy on the library computer if there are research questions.

**Website:** Harry Warner has been doing a lot of work on the website due to the recent evaluation by FGS.

**Social:** Since there is no chairman, signup sheets for refreshments and hosting were passed around for single meetings.

**Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates:** Tammy Parsons reports that the Michigan Archives are indexing the 1870-1987 Prisoners Records/Cards and they are looking for volunteers to do indexing on site. The Archives have added a self-serve copier. They are in discussions with Wayne County regarding obtaining post 1901 Probate Records.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The society had our bylaws reviewed by the Federation of Genealogical Societies earlier this year. They made a couple of suggestions and the Board decided that there were important to be changed. The following changes were handed out for review at the December 13, 2012 membership meeting.

Currently our By Laws read:

### **Article III: Basis of Organization**

Section 3: All facilities of the Society shall be available equally to members in good standing.

### **Article XI: Quorum**

A quorum at any meeting for business transactions shall be composed of not less than twenty (20) active members.

Proposed Change:

### **Article III: Basis of Organization**

Section 3: All facilities of the Society shall be available equally to members in good standing. For the purpose of this section, a member in good standing is defined as one who is current in payment of dues and not subject to disciplinary action.

### **Article XI: Quorum**

Section 1: A quorum for the purpose of business transactions, at any meeting of the general membership shall be composed of not less than twenty active members.

Section 2: A quorum for the purpose of business transactions, at any meeting of the Executive Board shall be composed of not less than 5 Board Members.

Section 3: A quorum is not required for Committees.

A motion was made to accept the proposed changes by Tammy Parsons and was seconded by Alice Raatz. The motion was accepted and passed.

Signup sheets were passed around for volunteer greeters for the membership meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Will be passing around signup sheets to man a table at Spring Fling in May and next meeting will be making sure that we have enough volunteers to cover the event.

Will be doing the same thing for Down Home Days in September.

Isabelle has a flyer on the spring seminar put on by Genealogical Society of Monroe County on Saturday April 13, 2013 if anyone is interested.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJUORNMENTS**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday March 14, 2013 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Holly Flynn from the MSU Library will be doing a presentation on the Espresso Book Machine that allows people to publish their own books at an affordable price.

The next executive board meeting will follow the March membership meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Isabelle Wells and seconded by Beth Hall. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:25 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary