

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**March 14, 2013**

The March 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 7:15 p.m. There were 24 people in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** Holly Flynn, from the Michigan State University Library, was the guest speaker. Her presentation was on the Espresso Book Machine, which allows people to publish their own books at an affordable price.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** After a short break, President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the February 14, 2013 meeting by Tammy Parsons and was seconded by Alice Raatz. The motion was accepted and passed.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Diane Bishop reported the FGS Conference is August 21-24, 2013 in Ft. Wayne Indiana. The Archives of Michigan has Saturday hours now and urged people to use them. She is passing around signup sheets for volunteer greeters, refreshments and hosting. She reminded the group that the Michigan Historical Society Conference is March 22-23 and the Genealogical Society of Monroe County's Spring Seminar is April 13, 2013. She notified the group about the passing of a Society Member, Michael Bushnell, and passed around his obituary. Lastly, she thanked all the volunteers for tonight's meeting for their help.

**Treasurer:** William Carr reported that we received only revenue last month so we are doing pretty well. We are \$700 ahead if the major output for the digitization is discounted.

**Membership Secretary:** Cathy Morse reports that we have 82 members with 12 residing outside the state.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reports that the next newsletter will be sent out in April. She will be including the obituary, and the president's message, as well some veteran's information.

**Librarian:** Isabelle Wells reports that the library needs volunteers to help visitors with research and such. She is passing around signup sheets.

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reports that there were two individual DVDs sold this past month. Overall, sales have been slow.

**Website:** Harry Warner reports that he is still working on the site recommendations.

**Social:** The signup sheet for volunteers is being passed around for individual meetings.

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**Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates:** Tammy Parsons reports that The Archives of Michigan has received a donation of 700 city directories from the Library of Michigan and they will be on the shelves soon. The Abrams Seminar will be July 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, with registration available online soon. The Archives will be hosting a Lock In July 12<sup>th</sup>, after the seminar for 30 people. The Archives is refining the search features on the website Seeking Michigan. FGS, Ancestry, Fold3, and Family Search are collaborating with the National Archives to digitize, conserve, preserve, and make available the pension records for the War of 1812. The images will be posted as they are completed. They are looking for help funding the project from individuals as well as societies. The National Archives in Washington D.C. will no longer have extended hours due to budget cuts. The University of Minnesota will be providing regional depository services for the Federal Documents collection at the Library of Michigan. The MCG Newsletter editor needs a brief summary of our Society for a special edition newsletter to be distributed at the FGS conference in Ft. Wayne. The Jewish Genealogical Society has an extensive yearbook project that has been indexed and is searchable via their website. Fort Custer now has a museum and would gladly accepted donations of money or artifacts.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Signup sheets for the Spring Fling were passed around until all hours were filled. Down Home Days signup sheets were passed around and most hours were filled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJUORNMENTS**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday April 11, 2013 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sam Pardee and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:47 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary