

Ingham County Genealogical Society
February 13, 2014

The February 13, 2014, 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 7:02 p.m. There were 23 members and 1 guest in attendance.

PROGRAM: Jesse LaSorda was the guest speaker. His presentation was titled “The Unusual Journey of an Ingham County Civil War Soldier” and was about the life and times of Private Louis Kelsey.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the November 14, 2013 meeting by Dave Held and was seconded by Bill Carr. The motion was accepted and passed.

INSTALLATION OF 2013-2014 OFFICER: Grove Sandrock administered the oath of office and swore in Cathy Carr.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane reports that the 2014 Lansing History Seminar will be Saturday April 26, 2014. Luckily this will not conflict with Mason Spring Fling this year. The 2014 Abrams Foundation/Archives of Michigan/Michigan Genealogical Council Family History Seminar will be Friday July 18, 2014-Saturday July 19, 2014. The featured speaker will be Michael LeClerc from Mocavo.com. She passed along the news that member Eldora Spooner’s husband Lloyd passed away. She passed around signup sheets for greeters, hosts, and refreshments. She finished by recognizing and thanking all the volunteers for the evening.

Vice President: Lorie is looking for a speaker for April. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please let her know.

Treasurer: Bill Carr reports that the society is in the red at this moment due to receiving two bill bills at the same time. He anticipates being back in the black in the next two to three months. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report by Grove Sandrock and seconded by Lisa Feury. The motion was accepted and passed.

Membership: Cathy reports that there are 72 members this year as opposed to 92 members last year.

Librarian: Isabelle passed around signup sheets for library volunteers. There are books on the back table that have been removed from the library to allow room for more informative books to be placed in the library. They can be taken for a donation to the society. Phyllis Whidden presented Steve DePeel with a special thank you for being a super librarian volunteer.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Isabelle Wells reports that Cindy Hawkins will accept articles for the next newsletter through March 31, 2014 for the April newsletter.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that she has sold four sets of the Ingham County News from 1935-1969.

Website: Harry Warner reports that out of state people are finding the website and making inquiries from the library.

FGS Delegate: Bill Carr reports that the 2014 FGS conference will be August 27-30, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. The 2015 conference will be held concurrent with Rootstech in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Rootstech website has many of its 2014 presentations available for download.

Social: The potluck was held December 12, 2013 with 18 people in attendance. The group had a great time and played fun genealogy games.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mason Food Bank thanked the society for the donation provided after the Christmas potluck. The food bank is sponsoring a Walk for Warmth on Saturday February 22 to raise money.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mason 4-H club would like the society to act as a leader in an outreach program that would allow youth to research family history and present the results at the fair. Cathy will write something up to put in the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJUORNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday March 13, 2014 at the Vevay Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Carr and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:32 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary