

Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
March 13, 2014

The March 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 7:08 p.m. There were 29 members and 3 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: Donald Hinkle was the guest speaker. His presentation was titled "Hidden Gens in Family Search" and was about using different search functionalities within FamilySearch.org.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The society conducted part of their business meeting until 7:26 p.m. when they stopped to hear the speaker. After a short break the meeting was called back into order at 8:45 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the February 13, 2014 meeting by Martha Marshall and was seconded by Bill Carr. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane reports that there are signup sheets in the back for greeters, hosting and refreshments. She announced that the Library of Michigan is going to be open the second Saturday of each month beginning April 12, 2014. She finished by recognizing and thanking all the volunteers for the evening.

Vice President: Lorie announced that the program next month will be watching a webinar by the Barefoot Genealogist from Ancestry.com. She and Cathy will also be talking about the Community Tree project the board is interested in doing. She will be writing the surnames she is researching on a T-shirt to advertise who she is researching and to spur conversation. Lorie challenges everyone to come up with a clever way to display their surnames as well.

Treasurer: Bill Carr reports that the society is about \$300 in the red at this moment due to regular expenses. He anticipates being back in the black by the middle of summer.

Membership: Cathy reports that she has received two more renewals, bringing the membership to 74. We also had a member, Bonnie Schulmburg, pass away in November.

Librarian: Diane pointing out the library volunteer sheets in the back. The library was closed on March 12th due to the weather.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: Alice reports that the 2013 book is pretty well completed and has started the 2014 book. They are kept at the library for everyone's reference.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reports that she will accept articles for the next newsletter through March 31, 2014 for the April newsletter. Anyone can submit an article

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Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that she has sold two sets of DVD's.

MGC Delegates: Tammy Parsons reports that the Abrams Seminar will be July 18 afternoon and July 19th all day - seminar packets to be posted on the Michigan Genealogical Website soon. There will also be a genealogy lock in July 18th 6p-10p and they are urging people to register early as there is limited space. Seeking Michigan website is adding Michigan county guides, and 25-30 have been posted thus far. The archives has received the index and images of all Michigan death records from 1921-1952 from the Department of Community Health. Now they will work on getting them on line. There is no finish date yet, but they will be free to search. The index will be for 1921-1952 and images will be posted for 1924-1938 with the addition of one year every January. The speaker was Sharon Carlson on Researching at Western MI University. Their collection has moved to the new building and they are a regional depository for 12 surrounding counties. Their website has more details. Membership renewal will be due in April. The dues structure has changed - our society will now pay \$25 per year. The State Librarian is resigning as of April 30th; a new one will be selected soon. Washtenaw County is having a free seminar with Dick Eastman giving 3 lectures on Sunday April 27th. Visit washtenawgenealogy.org for details.

Social: Lora McAdams wants people to start thinking about the picnic in August. We will need volunteers to help plan and run it.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Fling is May 3, 2014 and signup sheets are in the back of the room. We need volunteers to help staff the booth. Down Home Days is September 20, 2014 and we will need volunteers for that too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJUORNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday April 10, 2014 at the Vevay Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Carr and seconded by Harry Warner. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:58 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary