

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**May 8, 2014**

The May 8, 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 7:06 p.m. There were 23 members and 3 guests in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** Diane Oslund was the guest speaker. Her presentation was titled "Count Your Census" and discussed U.S. and Canadian census records.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the April 10, 2014 meeting by Grove Sandrock and was seconded by Isabelle Wells. The motion was accepted and passed.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** 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. 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. Eaton County is sponsoring a bus trip to the Fort Wayne library on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> and there are signup sheets on their website. She finished by recognizing and thanking all the volunteers for the evening.

**Vice President:** Lorie didn't have anything to report.

**Treasurer:** Bill Carr reports that the society is still in the red but most of the year's expenses have been paid now. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Beth Hall and seconded by Joann Depeel. The motion was accepted and passed.

**Librarian:** Isabelle pointed out the library volunteer sheets in the back. Some of the materials have been moved to make searching easier. Dave Held donated a bookcase and reinforced a couple of bookcases as well. Diane is closer to finishing the project of mapping where research books are located in the library.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reports that she will accept articles for the July newsletter through the middle of June.

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reports that she has sold three sets of DVD's and a set of CD's.

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**MGC Delegates:** Tammy Parsons reports that the Seeking Michigan website is still working on getting the index and images of the Michigan death records from 1921-1952 loaded and working. They have added cemetery transcriptions from some counties in Pennsylvania and Vermont as well as some publications from Livingston and Dearborn Genealogical Societies. Fold3 is now available free of charge on the Archives of Michigan computers. The May meeting program was on using Google Search for genealogy research and was very good. The members indicated that they would be willing to donate money to pay the speaker fee to have that presentation done for the society. Randy Riley is the new State Librarian. He wants to rebuild the relationship between the library and the archives and welcome the genealogists back. He would also like to improve the Saturday schedule but there are still budget concerns to deal with.

**Social:** Signup sheets in the back for the picnic on August 14, 2014. We need grills, and people to setup and cook. Members can email suggestions for entertainment to [mcadams@msu.edu](mailto:mcadams@msu.edu). An email reminder will go out closer to the event date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Spring Fling had kind of nasty weather. Diane thanked all the volunteers. Down Home Days is in September and we just need a couple more volunteers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Diane will be forming a nominating committee to secure candidates for new board members. You can contact Diane if you are interested in working on the nominating committee or being an officer.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

Next meeting will be the Family and Friends picnic held on Thursday August 14, 2014 at the Vevay Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Lisa Feury and seconded by Lorie Neuman. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:50 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary