

**Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
May 9, 2015**

The May 14, 2015, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan with 30 members and 17 guests in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She recognized guests that were present and reminded members to sign up for greeter, hosting and refreshments, and library.

PROGRAM: Shirley Gage Hodges' presentation was entitled, "There's Gold in Them Thar Hills – Did Your Family Go West".

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:54 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the April 9, 2015 meeting by Alice Raatz and was seconded by Joann DePeel. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Events calendar. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked. She informed everyone that one of the Society's earliest members, Valdeen Warren, passed away.

Vice President: No Report

Treasurer: Report was provided for everyone to review. Bill reported that we are currently \$300 in the red with approximately \$300 more in expenses. He anticipates that we will receive \$300 in membership dues. Bill added that usually there have been events that bring in money but this year there haven't been any events to bring in money. We will be able to use savings for upcoming expenses.

Suggestions were made on how to raise money to help cover expenses.

Membership: No Report

Librarian: Isabelle Wells reported help is needed, please consider volunteering. People are coming in and using the Resource Room.

Trustees: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: Alice Raatz reported that the book is always in progress and available at every meeting if anyone is interested in looking at it.

Merchandise Sales: DVD's have not been sold since last November. Need to think of other items to sell.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reported that the newsletter will go out in July and articles will be accepted until the end of June.

Publicity: No Report

Publishing: No Report

Social: No Report

Website: No Report

MGC Delegates: The speaker from Western Wayne County said their society is also losing members. He shared that they have changed from having presenters at their monthly meetings to showing people how to research and they are gaining members.

Problems with seekingmichigan site are being worked on. Missing death certificates will be gathered from Family Search.

Reservations for Abrams Seminar are still being taken. The fee is \$50. The lock-in at State Archives is free, but limited to 35 people. Those that have made a reservation for the seminar will be given priority.

New patron computers have been installed in the Library.

The September meeting will be held in Gladwin.

FGS Delegate: Group continues to work on 1812 pension project. The FGS 2015 Regional Conference — will be held in partnership with the New York State Family History Conference, September 17-19.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Survey – A committee has been formed and had their first meeting on Monday, May 11 at Diane Bishop's home. Plans are in progress on things to implement.

Spring Fling – Spoke to 105 people during the day.

Down Home Days – Volunteers are needed to man booth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Picnic – August 13 at Veterans Memorial Park, Holt. Use Aurelius Road entrance. Bring dish to pass and own tableware. Gathering at 6:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm.

A & W Fundraiser – Hope to do fundraiser in the fall. Can choose between spaghetti or ham with \$2 of every meal going to the Society. Hours are 11 am – 8 pm and volunteers will be needed to greet customers and pass out flyer. One member commented that she is involved with other groups that have done the fundraiser at A&W and she said more money is earned with the ham dinner. Another member suggested setting out notices on the tables a week before to help bring customers in.

Hosting a Cemetery Walk – Still checking on details. Could be a fundraiser for the Society. Anyone interested in participating should contact Diane Bishop.

ICGS Cookbook – It has been suggested that members submit family recipes for a cookbook that can be sold as a fundraiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6 at Diane Bishop's home at 7:00 p.m.

Next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Veterans Memorial Park, Holt. Gathering at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Phyllis Whidden and seconded by Cindy Hawkins. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lora McAdams
Recording Secretary