

**Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
October 8, 2015**

The October 8, 2015, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogy Society was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center Holt, Michigan with 27 members and 6 guests in attendance. 3 of the guests became members

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She recognized guests that were present .

PROGRAM: Vice President Lorie Neuman explained that in the absence of the scheduled speaker the group would take part in a round table discussion. Many useful and informative ideas were shared by both members and guests.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Bishop called the meeting to order again at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Sam Pardee made the motion that minutes for the September 10, 2015 be approved and it was seconded by Grove Sandrock. Minutes passed and accepted.

OATH OF OFFICE: Grove Sandrock administered the Oath of Office to the new officers for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

President: Diane Bishop, Vice President: Lorie Neuman, Membership Secretary: Joann DePeel, Treasurer: Kathy Langhals, Librarian: Isabelle Wells*, Trustees: Jeff Montgomery and Connie Stewart. Secretary: Lora McAdams could not be present.

*Isabelle Wells will be retiring after next year. The Society is looking for a member to work with Isabelle this next year and then take over the Librarian position in 2016-2017.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Diane Bishop announced the change of the date for the A & W Spaghetti Dinner to November 9, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She also drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Calendar of Events. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked. She also reminded members of the sign-up sheets for greeter, hosting, refreshments and library volunteers.

Vice President: Lorie Neuman announced the November speaker will be Rod Sadler the author of the book, To Hell I Must Go, about a murder in Williamston April 1897. She also showed a copy of the book for members to review if they wished.

Treasurer: The past treasurer, William Carr was absent and new treasurer Kathy Langhals asked that the report be tabled until later.

Membership Secretary: Joann DePeel announced some members still have not paid their dues for the coming year.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells announced the Library Research Room will be closed October 14 to October 21. While the city replaces the floor tile in the Used Book Room. She asked for volunteers to help in the Research Room. Isabelle explained the use of the room by members. The cost of copies has been raised to 20 cents from 15 cents.

Trustees: Connie Stewart and Jeff Montgomery no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: Alice Raatz absent

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells announced that a set of DVDs have been sold. She is going to contact the company about ordering more tee shirts and sweat shirts.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins announced the newsletter is in process and will be ready when she receives information about the Cemetery Walk.

Publishing: Rod Jewett nothing until he hears from the Treasurer.

Publicity: Dave Held absent

Website: Harry Warner nothing to report. He needs a copy of the officer's picture for the website.

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Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates: Tammy Parsons-absent. Sam Pardec presented President Diane Bishop with a certificate for Recognition of 20th Anniversary of Ingham County Genealogical Society. Sam announced there will be a new certificate available for Pioneers and Military for all wars. There will be backup paperwork necessary. He also explained that all MGC members are eligible to serve on all kinds of committees. Information is on the website. The MGC wants societies to share speakers they have had on various topics with the Council so they might use them on a state level.

FGS Delegate: William Carr absent

Social Chairman: Phyllis Whidden no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Down Home Days held September 19, 2015. Talked to 44 people. Closed down early because of lack of volunteers for the final hours. She has gotten several emails and phone calls from those that visited the booth.
- B. Maple Grove Cemetery Tour held October 4, 2015. President Bishop thanked the members that helped with the tour. A special thanks to Jesse LaSorda (member of Greater Lansing Historical Society + several other societies) that volunteered his time to give a presentation on one of the featured graves of a African-American Civil War Veteran. He also gave us many suggestions and advises on both the cemetery tours and things our society might try in the future.
- C. A & W Fundraiser volunteers are needed to greet customers and pass out Society Flyers. Donations will be used to help our SAVE THE NEWSPAPERS by helping fund the digitizing of the newspapers from 1970 to 2000. Signup sheet is on the table.
- D. ICGS Cookbook- Copies of the cookbooks are available at \$10.00 a copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A guest, Jim Lalone, announced that Mary Griffes has passed away and the Family History Center has set up a fund in her memory. The donations will be used for subscription to Find My Past for the Archives. He explained about the donations and the cost.
- B. William (Randy) Carr explained about the State Library's new procedure for the use of flash drives to save the items in old newspapers. He suggested arriving about a half hour early to get help from the staff on how to use the new system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:

- A. President Bishop announced the ICGS Board Meeting date has been changed from November 5, 2015 to October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at her home. She also explained any member can attend the board meetings. They cannot vote, only board members have a vote.
- B. President Bishop also reminded the members to fill out the new survey sheets. The board needs feedback from the members input.
- C. Next Membership meeting will be November 12, 2015.
- D. Isabelle Wells made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Grove Sandrock seconded it. Passed and accepted. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

In the absence of Recording Secretary
Submitted by Connie Stewart, Trustee