

**Ingham County Genealogical Society  
General Membership Meeting  
February 11, 2016**

The January 11, 2016, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan. There were 35 members in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. She recognized guests that were present and reminded members to sign up for greeter, hosting and refreshments, and library. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked.

**PROGRAM:** Diane Bishop introduced Mark Hoffman whose presentation was on Civil War Research.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Events calendar. She pointed out that the Library of Michigan is now open every Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm.

President Bishop offered condolences to Ricardo Muñiz on the death of his wife.

Inclement Weather Plan – If a meeting is cancelled, Diane will notify Harry for posting on website and Delhi Township. Dave is already adding a statement about checking ICGS website for cancellation information to every newspaper article.

**Vice President:** No Report.

**Treasurer:** Diane referred the membership to the Treasurer's Report that was included in the packet of information distributed. There was no activity (no income; no expenses) in January.

**Membership:** Joann DePeel reported there are 76 members. The membership roster was e-mailed to everyone. Joann will provide paper copies of the roster to members that request it.

**Librarian:** Isabelle Wells reported the library is not busy. About 1-2 people a week visit. She is currently working on indexing the 2015 obituaries and the 2014 index is on the shelf. The radiator needs to be replaced, no time frame was given. There is a possibility that the ICGS Resource Center will be closed again when the radiator is replaced.

**Trustees:** Diane reported that Jeff Montgomery will not be available for about 6 months so she has appointed Isabel Wells as interim trustee until Jeff's return. Isabel will assist Connie Stewart with the 2014-15 audit on February 16. The 2015-16 audit will be held in April. Beginning with the April audit, per the Bylaws, the books will be audited twice a year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historian:** Alice Raatz is completing the 2015 book and starting a new volume for 2015-16..

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle reported that another set of DVD's was sold. The t-shirts arrived and have been distributed. Another order will be placed at the end of the year if there is enough interest.

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins asked that newsletter articles be turned in by the end of March. The newsletter will be sent out in April.

**Publicity:** Nothing to report.

**Publishing:** Nothing to report.

**Social:** Phyllis Whidden thanked everyone for the snacks.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**MGC Delegates:** Sam Pardee reported death record images from 1921-1940 are now available. He told the membership probate files have been received. A list of all items can be found on the website at [Michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan](http://Michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan). An officer workshop will be held on April 30. The focus will be on what can be done to attract younger members. Sam said MGC has asked all societies to provide a list of past speakers. The list will be shared with all. The delegate meeting will be held in March and the September meeting will be held in Frankenmuth. Sam informed all that the Lucy May Kellogg award can be given every year but a nominee must have three recommendations.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Cookbooks – Still available for \$10 each. Proceeds will go to the Save the Newspapers project.

Diane reported that 9 individuals completed the ICGS Membership Input Sheet and we will go with the information gathered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Spring Fling (May 7, 2016) and Down Home Days (September 17, 2016). Booth space is \$50. Volunteers will be needed if membership decides to participate. Discussion: a member asked if it is known how many people have come to society meetings because of our presence at these two events. Diane reported we only know if a guest notes how they found out about our society. It was agreed that attending Spring Fling and Down Home Days is good exposure for the society. Isabelle Wells said a few people that visited the Library said they learned about us at Spring Fling/Down Home Days. Participation in these events falls under Community Service and Publicity.

Joann DePeel made a motion to have a booth at Spring Fling and Down Home Days and Bill Carr seconded. Motion carried (Support – 18; Oppose – 3; Abstain – 14)

There was discussion regarding attendance at Farmer's Markets. Farmer's Markets are held from July to October and are free to attend. We only have to go to the ones we want to.

Isabelle Wells made a motion that the Society should go to Farmer's Markets as long as there are volunteers and as allowed in. Motion was seconded by Grove Sandrock. Motion carried (Support – 23; Oppose – 1; Abstain – 11)

## A & W Spaghetti Dinner

Bill Carr made a motion to host another A & W Spaghetti Dinner. Motion was seconded by Connie Stewart. Motion passed (Support – 23; Oppose – 0; Abstain – 12)

Bob Evans – Another fundraising opportunity. A member commented that we should limit what we should be involved in. Another member said that Spring Fling, Down Home Days and Farmer's Markets are not fundraisers.

Isabelle Wells made a motion that a decision to participate in a Bob Evans fundraiser be deferred until more information can be gathered. Motion was seconded by Jim Beckwith. Motion carried.

## Other fundraisers (Macy's, Max and Irma's)

Isabelle Wells made a motion that discussion regarding other fundraising opportunities be deferred to another time. Motion was seconded by Jim Beckwith. Motion carried.

President Bishop informed membership that a search for the 2016-17 officers will begin in May. She said anyone interested in a position can mentor with someone or shadow.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

The Society Board Meeting will be on April 28, 2016 at Diane Bishop's home (1415 N. Every Road, Mason).

Next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Sam Corey Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Isabel Wells and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by

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