

## **Ingham County Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting March 9, 2017**

The March 9, 2017 regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held the Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt, Michigan. There were 29 people in attendance; 29 members and no guests.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Martini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No guests

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jim Beckwith led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROGRAM:** *Scandalous Ancestors* by Jessica Trotter

**BUSINESS MEETING:** President Marini brought up an issue related to which bank the society uses and that the board had passed a motion to change banks.

Motion by Charles Hagler to *move the agenda item "move banking to Dart Bank" to next month's meeting* 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Beckwith (vote 18 yes – 0 no) passed

Point of Information-by Isabelle Wells, requesting the announcement of a quorum. Per Roberts Rules we need a quorum to conduct business. President Martini announced that a quorum was present.

Point of Order- by Isabelle Wells, in the absence of the recording secretary the president must designate someone to take minutes. Per Robert's Rules of Order the President cannot record the minutes of the meeting. President Martini made a request of Tammy Parsons to take the minutes of the meeting and she accepted.

### **APPROVAL of AGENDA:**

President Martini requested moving Dart Bank issue (per prior motion) and Preservation and Conservation of Historic Fowler Cemetery Project to the April agenda.

Connie Stewart made a motion to *Remove Diane Bishop's name from Fundraising items ii (A&W Spaghetti Dinner) & iii (Cemetery Tours) as she is absent.* 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Hagler. (Vote 16 yes – 3 no)

Cathy Langhals moved to *approve the agenda as revised*; Harry Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed

### **MINUTES:** Corrections to February Minutes as follows-

Charles Hagler (Librarian) stated his prior report included both January and February he would like to amend to give the report monthly –January 28 visitors to the Library and February 26 visitors to the library.

Isabelle-sought clarification regarding the membership to the Historical Society of MI whether or not we would be obligated to automatically continue membership. Membership agreed that renewal of membership to the Historical Society would be considered annually.

Isabelle challenged the February minutes being submitted by the President, Tammy Parsons assisted in the writing of the minutes and will assume responsibility for the February minutes.

Connie Stewart stated the minutes regarding the Cemetery Tours were incorrect in that she did not give a report, but was asked a question regarding the Cemetery Tours. Her response was: the committee had been approached to do a tour of the Montgomery/Plains Cemetery.

Point of Clarification: Charles Hagler sought clarification regarding who committees report to. President Martini stated that any standing committee named in the bylaws is responsible directly to the membership not the board.

Tammy Parsons moved to accept the minutes as amended of the February 17, 2017 membership meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricardo Muniz. The minutes were approved as amended. (19 yes-0 no)

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President Report:** President Martini recognized and thanked the evening's volunteers. Reminders that a calendar of genealogy events had been sent with the agenda. Genealogy Day is tomorrow at the Lansing Public Library, South Cedar location.

Resignations & Vacancies: Membership Secretary (Lora McAdams) resigned. President Martini plans to recommend Cathy Carr to the board (3/23/17 meeting scheduled) for consideration as Membership Secretary. Social Chair (Phyllis Whidden) resigned. President Martini is asking for a volunteer to fill this position.

Experimental Facebook group needs volunteers. Also still looking into having a facilitator to assist with development of a strategic plan for the society. Discussion among the membership regarding need and cost. Motion by David Held to *investigate cost and availability of facilitator and investigate forming a committee, bring information for possible budgetary expense to the board and to membership for approval.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Carr –passed  
Next board meeting will be March 23, 2017 70 Sam Corey Senior Center

**Vice-President:** Ricardo Muniz-stated upcoming speakers and meeting dates as listed in the agenda. Correction to September 14<sup>th</sup> – Topic is “Finding Living Persons” by Bethany Waterbury.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Langhals- Library brought in \$26.00 (Year to Date (YTD)-\$121.00). Incomer \$10.00 dues in Feb. (YTD-\$960.00). No expenditures for February. Savings Account balance=\$3595.58. Encumbered Funds=Digital/Newspaper \$1331.80 and Capital Equipment \$1400.00. Need to be looking at new computer system for the Library soon as it is outdated. Donna Hemminger Fund=\$605.00. Dues will be due October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Email- Kathy talked about the recent email scam to get money from the society. The request from the scammer made it look like President Martini was requesting the check. After many emails back and forth, some including the membership it was realized that this was a possible scam. Kathy sent it to a security networking person who confirmed it was a scam. Kathy apologized to President Martini for not directly contacting her sooner to work through this situation. Membership discussion regarding possible need to make changes or contact the authorities. It was recommended that the authorities be contacted. Harry assured us that the website had not been hacked as information can be obtained via legitimate access.

**Membership Secretary:** vacant-President Martini reported we have 4 new members.

**Librarian:** Charles Hagler reported \$26.00 was taken in (copy fees/research/donation) by the library. YTD \$121.00.

**Trustees:** Connie Stewart/Jeff Montgomery- No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Computer:** Rod Jewett-absent no report

**Web Master:** Harry Warner –Scam had nothing to do with the website other than the perpetrator looking for information. That site does nothing other than forward to your personal email and requests. Comments from some members not receiving emails. Possible reasons, solutions discussed.

**Facebook:** Isabelle Wells – no report **Social:** vacant-No report.

**Program:** Ricardo Muniz – Thanked Kathy Langhals for looking out for the Societies funds.

**Publicity:** David Held –no report

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reported that nothing has sold.

**A&W Spaghetti Dinner:** This year's Spaghetti dinner is scheduled for November 6, 2017.

**Cemetery Tours:** no report

**Publications:** Rod Jewett -Absent No report.

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins-absent. Isabelle Wells commented that the submission deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Send to Cindy's personal email or ICSG link.

**Historian:** Alice Raatz-Absent -No report.

**MGC Delegates:** Sam Pardee/Tammy Parsons-1941 MI Death Records all images are now available on Seekingmichigan.org. Naturalization indexing project has started. Plan is for all MI holdings of MI Naturalization records will be searchable and free at Seekingmichigan.org. MGC is looking for indexers to assist with the project. Go to the MGC website for more information on indexing. There are tutorials and directions- the batches are 10 views and you should be able to complete a batch in 15-30 minutes. Michigan Oral History Association will be working with MGC on a project more information to come. County History Collection is now individually catalogued, 1800 new titles added to Answer –online catalogue. MGC will be sending out a survey monkey to societies regarding having an officer's workshop. Membership dues to MGC are due for renewal July 1<sup>st</sup>. Announced the Abrams Seminar July 21-22, 2017. Family History Seminar April 22, 2017.

**Federation of Genealogical Societies-** vacant- President Martini plans on attending the conference in Pittsburg this year. Need a representative.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Point of clarification by Isabelle Wells- related to last month's motion to amend the budget to include FGS. President Martini announced she had transferred her membership to the society does this conflict with the motion. Discussion regarding this- outcome the motion was to amend the budget, it wasn't specific to an actual expenditure. The Treasurer should reflect the donation in the records.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2016-2017 Budget**-needs to be amended per last month's motion and presented for approval by the membership.  
**Use of Pay Pal** –Connie Stewart commented that there is a cost associated with using Pay Pal. Discussion as to do we have a need? Are we willing to incur the fee or add an upcharge to end user? Motion by Charles Hagler to *send Pay Pal issue back to the board for further discussion and then present options to membership* Connie Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed.

**Request for refund of membership dues**-President Martini has received a request for a refund of membership dues from a new member who joined in December. Discussion regarding this issue, Secretary has the ability to prorate when paying dues do you prorate a refund? All agreed that refunding dues should not set a precedence. Motion by Harry Warner to *refund this members \$15 dues* 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Carr- passed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled society board meeting will be held on April 27, 2017. Location to be determined. Motion to adjourn by Bill Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Beckwith adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Tammy Parsons

In the absence of the Recording Secretary