

Ingham County Genealogical Society

January 9, 2003

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Pardee at 7:10 pm. 31 members and guests were present. Guests were Thelma Moran, Dawn Titus and Shirley Toler. Newest Member, Marilyn Arnett was introduced.

Bruce Bevier made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes as presented by recording secretary Alice Raatz. Tammy Parsons seconded. Approved

Sam Pardee reports the following items from today's Michigan Genealogical Council meeting:

Monroe county society has published a book on birth records.

JoAnn Harvey and her legislative committee suggests members contact their Senators to show support of a bill to open death, marriage and divorce records at 75-100 years instead of current 110 years.

Carol Callard was a speaker at the council today, and shared some good New Years Resolutions for genealogists, which Sam read selected ones to our society.

Secretary, Alice Raatz, commented on the newspaper publicity that appeared in the Holt Community News and the Ingham County Community News which listed our society upcoming events for the next 6 months. Thanks to John Castle for submitting, several guests came to tonight's meeting as a result of the announcement.

Treasurer, Marge James, reports that the treasurer's report for this month is prepared and distributed to board members. Copies are available on back table.

Membership secretary, Jean Crawford, reports that 3 new members have joined in the past month. 14 members have been dropped for not paying their 2003 dues.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, reports that December was busier at the reference room than in the past. Copies of Ingham county plat records are available in the reference room.

Computer, Greg James, had not had any problems with the reference room computer. The 1901-05 Ingham county death records are now on our ICGS web page.

Newsletter, Barb Smith, reports that the newsletter is ready and available at tonight's meeting.

Social, Barb Smith, a new cookie sign up list will be circulated as the old one has been lost.

John Castle reports the following:

This week, he received a large and complete index of names appearing in the 1886 Williamston Enterprise from a volunteer who worked the past year on the project. Also reported that the Wheatfield, Vevay and Aurelius township records will be microfilmed in 2003 from the \$8,000 Abrams grant money.

Following a coffee break, Mary Eshelby conducted the 50/50 drawing. Julie Carr was the winner of \$16.50.

Sam Pardee led a roundtable discussion on genealogy problems. Many members and guests presented problems and received helpful suggestions and answers to them.

Announcements:

Carol Callard will conduct a Beginning genealogy class at the Okemos Public Library every Thursday in February.

Sam Pardee will speak to a senior group on January 29 at the Leslie Library.

Bart Smith made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Greg James. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz