

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 10, 2005

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Vice President, Carole Callard, due to the delayed arrival of President David Held. 28 members and guests were present. The guests were Shawn Sodman, and Mark & Karen Krugman.

MGC Delegate: Sam Pardee reported from today's meeting that the critical issue to be aware of is the budget cut, which will affect the operation of the State of Michigan library due to the cutting of 500 hours of manpower. Closing the library 2 mornings a week is being considered.

Dave Johnson, current Archivist is leaving that position after 20 years to accept a position in Legislation.

A project being considered is to have all societies find out if they have records at county or township level that could be used to compile as a replacement for the missing 1890 census.

Carole Callard introduced Karen Krugman who presented her very enlightening and entertaining talk on "Sourcing, Who needs it anyway?"

50/50 Drawing: After the guest speaker and a coffee break, the meeting was resumed by President Held with a 50/50 drawing. Sam Pardee won \$15.50 and donated \$15.00 to the Microfilm Printer/Reader Fund.

Approval of Secretarial Minutes: Sam Pardee made a motion to accept the February minutes by recording secretary, Alice Raatz. Bruce Bevier seconded. Carried.

Approval of Treasurer Report: Current balance on hand is \$12,635.12. Norm Osborn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted by Marge James. Tammy Parsons seconded. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

President: David Held commented on the possibility of converting microfilm records to CD for ease of use as suggested by John Castle and Greg James at the February Board meeting. The cost of having CSC do the conversion or purchase a machine to convert our own records needs to be researched. John Castle and Greg James were assigned this task at the board meeting. John Castle reports that he contacted CSC to inquire about the cost, but does not have information at this time.

Vice President: Carole Callard announced that the State of Michigan has a new exhibit on Immigrants and invites all to take time to visit.

Treasurer: Marge James reported that the February microfilm printer/reader fund collected \$9 in donations.

Marge reports that the Treasurers books need to be audited next month.

Membership: David Held commented that a decision was made at the February Executive Board meeting that the Membership list will be sent to each member.

If any member does not want to be listed on the roster, they must contact Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, by June 1, 2005.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells announced upcoming seminars as follows:

April 23, 2005	Stockbridge Genealogical Society
April 30, 2005	Kalamazoo County
April 15, 2005	Monroe County
May 14, 2005	Family History Center

Committee Reports:

Publications: John Castle reported that the Stockbridge Township microfilming project is completed.

Monday, March 21st at 7:00 pm, John will present a copy of microfilm to the Stockbridge Township. Anyone who is interested in participating is invited.

Bunker Hill microfilming project will be postponed until May. Instead Locke Township will be the next project.

Next Wednesday at 1:30 pm will be a work session at the Castle's residence in Mason.

Computer Chairman: Greg James reports that the computer is working fine.

Also, Greg talked about the ICGS pens that were passed out prior to the meeting. An order was placed for 500 pens following the approval at the last executive board meeting. They will be given out at various events, including 10th anniversary, library reference room and other workshops.

Publicity Chairman: Sam Pardee will speak at the Charlotte Kiwanis on March 23rd. Sam will take some ICGS pens. Also hopes to schedule a meeting with the Community New while there.

Old Business:

ICGS 10th Anniversary: Chairperson, Alice Raatz reports that the plans are progressing well. Invitations were mailed in February and reservations are coming. The request for door prizes to be donated was a success, with many items given at tonight's meeting. A newsletter announcement was given to Barb Smith to be included in the April issue.

Policy Book: Tammy Parsons requested that Board Members submit a summary of tasks they do in their office as previously requested. Progress on the book is awaiting these lists.

Announcements: Alice Raatz commented that the society received a Thank You note for the Food Pantry donation we collected at our Christmas Potluck. Many Thanks to all.

President Held announced that he will be creating a sign up sheet of jobs and committee work to be placed on the back table for all to review and sign up to help.

Adjournment: Alice Raatz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tammy Parsons. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz