

ICGS MEETING

March 8, 2007

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Morse

President Harry Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 36 in attendance, 31 members and 7 guests.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker was Cynthia Grostick whose topic was "U.S. Military Records of the World Wars."

BUSINESS MEETING

President Harry Warner called the membership meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. Norm Osborn held the 50/50 drawing, won by David Held.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT: David Held took the minutes for the February 8, 2007 meeting, but they were not printed so he will distribute them at the April meeting. The David Caterino Collector's Showcase will be held on May 5, 2007 at the Capital Area District Library. The society will have a table to sell merchandise. Six volunteers are needed to work 2 hours each. Interested members should contact John Castle to volunteer.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy Morse had nothing to report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Marge James was absent but Greg James distributed the treasurer report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Jean Crawford had nothing to report.

LIBARIAN: Isabelle Wells stated that the Ingham County Democrat newspapers have been completely indexed and will soon be placed on the Internet by Web Master Greg James. The newspapers dates range from 1876 to 1915 and includes 16,000 names. The LDS Family History Center will hold a free seminar on May 12, 2007. Interested attendees should plan

on signing up early. Isabelle brought the WWI Ingham County honor roll book for members to review.

TRUSTEES: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICATIONS: John Castle reported that Lansing township records have been microfilmed. There are 24 reels of microfilm covering over 7,000 burial transit permits covering the years 1944 to date. Burial records provide information similar to death records. The society will donate a set of microfilm to the township and the Fort Wayne Library. The society now has 310 reels of microfilm. It has taken five years to microfilm the records of 16 townships.

COMPUTER AND WEB MASTER: Greg James indicated that the computer and printer are working fine. He will be getting a searchable index on the website for the Ingham County Democrat. Will check on costs of adding the files in database format.

HISTORIAN: Alice Raatz had nothing new to report. The book is up to date and will be brought to the April meeting for review.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL: Tammy Parsons reported that the Abrams Seminar would be combined into a two-day seminar to be held on July 20 and 21, 2007. Surveyor field notes from 1816 to the early 1900s will be available soon. The notes will show boundaries and land owners. The National Archives has increased fees from \$25 to \$125. Comments on the increased fees should be sent to _____ for forwarding to the appropriate office. A records access form has been sent to all county offices indicating who can have access to certain records. Requests for records should be made in writing. If a request is denied, obtain a written denial and forward it to JoAnne Harvey. The Jewish Genealogical Society has completed a searchable yearbook project. Tammy will write an article for the society newsletter on copyright laws.

NEWSLETTER: Cindy Hawkins said the April newsletter would be published on-line. The newsletter will be distributed at meetings for members without computer access or it can be mailed.

PUBLICITY: Dave Held contacted the Lansing State Journal to get society meetings published. He is looking for further publicity ideas. The speaker next month will be Mary Griffiths who will speak on old handwriting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lynne Castle led a discussion on finding a different location to hold monthly society meetings. The current location is not centrally located; there isn't a sign available to post meeting notices; the parking lot is not well lit; and the township has been critical of minor infractions. Norm Osborn asked if the insurance coverage for the society would transfer to a new location. Harry Warner indicated that the insurance company would have to be notified of a new meeting location, but the insurance would cover the society wherever it met.

David Held moved the meeting to be adjourned and Isabelle Wells seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.