

Ingham County Genealogical Society
April 10, 2008

President Harry Warner called the April 10, 2008, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 32 people in attendance, including 1 guest.

PROGRAM: Kris Rzepczynski presented "The Circle of Life: Research with Michigan Vital Records."

BUSINESS MEETING: The business meeting began at 8:13 p.m.

MINUTES: Sam Pardee moved for approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2008, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of April 10, 2008, are \$25,562.09. Dave Held moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS: Vice President Dave Held noted the next meeting will be a week later than usual, on May 15, because of elections. The program will be a round-table discussion among members of problems and solutions.

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing has invited ICGS to participate in its 7th Annual David R. Caterino Collector's Showcase on May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main Capital Area District Library. Since the meeting is on the same day as the genealogy seminar by the Later Day Saints, it was decided ICGS will not exhibit at the Caterino Showcase this year.

Librarian Rodney Jewett reported the 1920 township submissions have been returned, so he is doing a lot with those. Visits to the library have decreased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Publication Committee Chairperson John Castle said Alaiedon Township records have been received and will be sent to be microfilmed next week. ICGS will have a digital CD for sale of the cemeteries from Leroy, Locke and Williamstown townships. The cost is \$25, shipping included. Photos will not be sold anymore.

Sam Pardee, Michigan Council Delegate, said the next delegate meeting is May 7. A new web site, www.SeekingMichigan.org will include records from both the Library of Michigan and the Archives. The records will include land patent records and Civil War photos. He was asked if ICGS could put information on that web site.

Publicity Chairperson Dave Held noted the Lansing State Journal put the April meeting announcement in the paper two weeks early and he is not sure the Towne Courier published it at all this month.

OLD BUSINESS: The ICGS will co-sponsor Dr. George Schweitzer as the speaker at the Library of Michigan Abrams Genealogy Seminar on July 25 and 26, 2008. Dr. Schweitzer will

speak twice on July 26. Kris Rzepczynski said the July 25 session will begin at 1 p.m. and the July 26 session at 9:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS: The Eaton County Genealogical Society will meet next week Wednesday (April 16) at 7 p.m. at the Eaton County Court House. Lori Fox of Ionia County will speak on a military book they are putting together.

Isabelle Wells reminded all that the LDS seminar on May 10 is free unless you want to buy a syllabus.

Harry Warner stated some current officers and committee chairs will not be able to continue next year and asked for members to contact him with the names of willing volunteers.

Grove Sandrock reported that in anticipation of the City of Lansing's sesquicentennial the Lansing Sesquicentennial Foundation has been set up as a nonprofit organization. There will be celebrations over the entire calendar year. Lansing area organizations were asked to become involved. He asked ICGS to consider the kind of project it wants to be involved in. Proposals need to be brought to a committee of the foundation. Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society intends to research family histories pertaining to Lansing and the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will research Lansing buildings. There would probably be no cost to ICGS to be involved and if our project is accepted, we could use the sesquicentennial logo. The foundation will sponsor some activities. Dave Held recommended ICGS might help Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society with its projects. Another suggestion was to publicize pioneer families. Isabelle Wells noted ICGS has the histories of a couple of families in its library. The Library of Michigan also has a copy of George Hammell's research about Ingham County. More information is needed about what the sesquicentennial committee is interested in. This topic will be discussed again at the May meeting.

Sam Pardee said that Graham Hollis of the Michigan Council has established ten zones consisting of contiguous counties in Michigan in hopes the zones will work on projects together. The Mormons are asking for help in indexing all their records. Volunteers could do this on-line, spending as little as one hour a week.

The next meeting will be May 15. No meetings are scheduled for June and July, but the August meeting will be a picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary