

Ingham County Genealogical Society
April 14,, 2011

The April 14, 2011, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 28 people in attendance, including 5 guests.

PROGRAM: Kris Rzepczynski presented a program about “Navigating the 1890 Gap: Research with State Census Records.”

BUSINESS MEETING: After a break, the business meeting began at 8:17 p.m.

MINUTES: Sam Pardee moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2011, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Grove Sandrock reported the executive board and committee chairs have been meeting to discuss increasing membership and income to accomplish ICGS’s mission. Discussions included ways to increase communications, enliven meetings, become more visitor-friendly, and enhance publicity. He asked for two members to volunteer as official greeters for each meeting. Librarian Diane Bishop asked for volunteers to assist at the library on Wednesdays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Isabelle Wells said that Cindy Hawkins has completed the next newsletter and it will be distributed in the next ten days. There have been some problems with the e-mail dissemination. Members are asked to let Greg James know if they don’t receive the newsletter by then. Historian Alice Raatz has completed the 2010 history book and has started a new one for 2011. Merchandise Sales Chairperson Isabelle Wells has sold two more DVD sets. Publicity Chair Dave Held noted the Ingham County News printed the meeting announcement, but he has had problems with communicating with the proper contact at the Lansing State Journal. Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Tammy Parsons reported the State Archives will have events commemorating the beginning of the Civil War on April 16, 2011. The state census scanning project with Ancestry is almost complete. The Archives has received more naturalization records from counties. The Archives will resubmit a proposal to obtain collections that the State Library may not be able to keep. The Archives will add five conference rooms. The Michigan Genealogical Council in partnership with the Archives will have a seminar on July 16, 2011. State budget cuts of 40% have been proposed for local libraries. The council wants to update its logo and bylaws. Sam Pardee, MGC Delegate, said the Family History center has a program on May 7, 2011. Admission is free, but there is a cost for a printed syllabus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT: Grove Sandrock said the meeting on May 12, 2011, will be “Breaking Down Brick Walls.” It will be a round-table discussion where all are encouraged to bring genealogy questions they need help with. There will be a meeting of the executive board at noon on April 17 at Bill Carr’s house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary