

Ingham County Genealogical Society
May 6, 2004

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Vice President, David Held at 7:05 pm. President Sam Pardee was delayed on personal business.

31 members and guests were present. Guests were Dawn Titus and Phyllis Webster. Phyllis & Joe Bogle and Phyllis Whidden were introduced as new member.

Announcements:

Shirley Hodges informed us that on Yahoo's peoplesearch.com there is some very personal information on everyone, including, names, address, telephone numbers and date of birth. Shirley emailed the Attorney General today and is awaiting a response. She suggested that anyone who is concerned should also contact the AG's office or your congressmen.

Approval of Minutes: Shirley Hodges made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented by recording secretary, Alice Raatz. Cynthia Theusch seconded. Carried.

Officers Reports: Vice President, David Held, reported the following from the May 6th Executive Board Meeting.

Discussion was held on ideas for 2005 ICGS anniversary celebration.

Approval was given to John Castle to request a grant of \$8,000 from Abrams for 2005 microfilming of township records.

Permission was given to Greg James to add CD indexes on our web page and to include the Kinawa 5th graders Dobie Rd Cemetery readings to our site.

Next Board meeting will be June 22 at 7 pm at Tammy Parsons.

Treasurers: Greg James, reported for Marge, (Treasurer) that the microfilm reader/printer donations at last months meeting were \$30.75. The grand total collected is \$1,945.25.

Membership Chairman: Jean Crawford showed the members the new ICGS banner, which was purchased with approval from the Executive Board.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, commented that the library was closed last Saturday.

Volunteers are needed for Saturday June 12th so Isabelle can attend a seminar.

New items available are Phyllis Whidden's (new member) genealogy research book, Cook County Illinois Pensioners records, 1911-15 Ingham County Democrat Index, 1904 Mason Yearbook.

Mason Library and reference room will be closed on Memorial weekend.

Committee Reports: Historian: Alice Raatz reported that the history book is up to date including a photo of speaker, John Castle from last months meeting. The book is available to all on the back table at tonight's meeting.

Greg James, Computer chairman, reports that the duplicate entries of names the Ingham Co Democrat index on our web page have been eliminated.

Greg also reported that Kris from the State of Michigan Library sent an email invitation to all members for Authors Day at the library on Sunday, May 16th. See Greg for a list of authors.

Barb Smith, Newsletter Chairperson reports the next newsletter will be ready in July.

New Business:

David Held announced a change in the plans for June 10th meeting. Instead of a roundtable discussion, Yvonne Koos will speak on Courthouse records.

July 8th will be our annual picnic. Members will meet at 6 pm for a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass, and table service. Beverages will be furnished.

MGC delegate, Tammy Parsons, reported from today's meeting.

Library now has Illinois state census, and Ontario vital records (Births 1869-1906 and Death & Marriage 1869-1916). Additional state census will be purchased.

Volunteer program is proving to be successful.

Society membership dues will be increased to 20 cents per person, minimum \$20 per society.

Newsletter subscription increased from \$10 to \$15.

Lucy Mary Kellogg award will be moved from October to September meeting.

Copyright Laws may affect genealogists. All concerned members should contact your congressman or state representative by letter to oppose HR3261 which is called the "Database and Collection of Information Misappropriation Act"

John Castle, Publications, reports that on April 30th Aurelius township records microfilming was completed for a cost of \$2,300. Ledgers have been returned to the township. Allen County Library, ICGS reference room, and the township all have copies of the 12 reels of film. On June 27 a set will be presented to State of Michigan Library. Work has begun on the Delhi township records. 10 members met at the Delhi township hall last Friday to begin page counting and numbering. Second work session will be tomorrow at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Old Business:

10th Anniversary plans will be chaired by Alice Raatz and Tammy Parsons. Contact them if you have ideas or suggestions.

Sam arrived and resumed meeting after a coffee break with the 50/50 drawing. Clarence Hodges won \$20.

Cynthia Theusch was introduced and gave an interesting talk on "Research in Washington DC"

New Business: Sam to appoint a nominating committee from the Boards list of names.

T. Parsons made a motion to adjourn. I.Wells seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz