

Ingham County Genealogical Society
May 14, 2009

President Dave Held called the May 14, 2009, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 33 people in attendance, including 5 guests.

PROGRAM: Kris Rzepczynski presented a program entitled "Utilizing Footnote from the Library of Michigan and from Home."

BUSINESS MEETING: President Dave Held began the business meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Norm Osborn, the minutes of the April 9, 2009, meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of April 30, 2009, were \$28,799.65. Sam Pardee moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Dave Held announced the Eaton County Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on May 16 at 9 a.m. At the ICGS Executive Board meeting on May 7, most board members indicated a willingness to run again for office, but Rod Jewett does not wish to continue as Librarian. The board approved microfilming the items of Leslie Historical Society. The board also approved applying for a grant from the Abrams Foundation to digitize copies of the Ingham County News for the period of 1935-1957. The board decided to discontinue purchasing promotional items and is looking into ways make data available on a web site, either its own or that of the Capital Area District Library. Ways to improve the programs for regular meetings were also discussed. Librarian Rodney Jewett said volunteers are needed to help at the library over the next few months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Publication Committee Chairperson John Castle stated it cost \$8,300 to digitize the last group of newspapers. Volunteers are still needed to iron newspapers and index death records. Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Sam Pardee reported on the meeting held on May 13 which focused on the budget problems of the Library of Michigan. Before the meeting, delegates talked to their representatives informing them of the impact of the proposed budget. A man from Farmington Hills told how he indexes records for Ancestry.com. A Benton Harbor area genealogical society writes articles for their local newspaper about their research to generate interest in their society. Newsletter Chairperson Cindy Hawkins is working on the next newsletter. Newsletter articles can be sent to her e-mail address. Publicity Chairperson Dave Held submitted meeting information to both the Lansing State Journal and the Towne Courier, but it appeared only in the Ingham County News. Social Arrangements Chairperson Sheri Sleep announced the next meeting will be the annual picnic on August 13. It will be held at the pavilion behind the Vevay Township Hall (or inside if it rains), meeting at 6 p.m. and eating at 6:30 p.m. Participants will be asked to contribute \$2 each toward buying meat to grill. Information will be included in the July newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: The Executive Board will meet soon, probably on June 11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Eva Rude, a costumed actor, announced a one-hour tour of Woodlawn Cemetery in Leslie will be held on May 16 at 7 p.m. Grove Sandrock announced several genealogical societies are co-sponsoring a tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing at 2 p.m. on August 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary