

Ingham County Genealogical Society
September 10, 2009

The September 10, 2009, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Dave Held 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 "Seeking Michigan Death Records." He also reported Governor Granholm signed an executive order on September 9 clarifying some aspects of the earlier executive order about the Library of Michigan's status. The library is not closing, but on October 1 it will move to the Department of Education and the archives will be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. For more information, check the Michigan Genealogical Council web site.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Dave Held began the business meeting at 8:27 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Jan Shepler, the minutes of the May 14, 2009, meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Grove Sandrock, the minutes of the August 13, 2009, meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of August 31, 2009, were \$11,310.75. Beth Hall moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Dave Held reported there had been a rally at the Library of Michigan on September 10, 2009, about the Governor's executive order. On behalf of the ICGS, he wrote a letter about the pending changes to the Governor's office as well as to the leaders of the House and Senate. He received a reply from Senator Bishop. There will be a genealogy seminar at the Library of Michigan on September 19.

There has been some discussion about changing the ICGS meeting place. Tammy Parsons is checking on the availability of meeting space at the Holt Senior Center, located on the east side of Cedar Street between Holt and Aurelius Roads. Currently they don't have many open times, but ICGS will follow up after the first of the year.

Co-Vice President Isabelle Wells reported ICGS can have a free table at the Mason Library for the Down Home Days. This is a good way to attract new members.

Dave Held reminded all that membership dues are payable by October 1.

Librarian Rodney Jewett said the Pink School will be open during Down Home Days. ICGS materials need to be rearranged next Tuesday now that the Mason Library ceiling has been repaired. Dave Held noted this is a good time to clear out outdated or unused materials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Historian Alice Raatz said the history book is current.

Isabelle Wells, alternate delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council, reported on the rally by the Michigan Library Association at the Capitol on September 10. Randy Riley said the library will probably stay open for another year. We still need to let our legislators know the library

must be funded even after the transfer to the Department of Education. The library may have to reduce hours. The Michigan Genealogical Council held an open house for legislators on September 9, but only five people visited the library. The Lucy Mary Kellogg Award will be given out in November.

Newsletter Chairperson Cindy Hawkins is working on the October newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Sherri Sleep reported on the member survey conducted by a committee consisting of Grove Sandrock, Cathy Morse and herself. They are going to follow up on creating a list of members who would be willing to help others with their genealogy problems.

NEW BUSINESS: After President Dave Held asked three times for additional nominations without any reply, Tammy Parsons moved to close the nominations. The motion passed. Isabelle Wells moved to elect the slate of nominees who had agreed to serve. The motion passed. The officers elected for 2009-2010 are: President, David Held; Vice President, Grove Sandrock; Recording Secretary, Beth Hall; Treasurer, William Carr; Membership Secretary, Cathy Morse; Librarian, Diane Bishop; Trustees, Rod Jewett and Sara Price.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Laurie Newman reported the DuBois Cemetery rededication will be held on September 13.

Julie Carr donated a book listing burials in the East Lawn Cemetery located on Bennett Road in Okemos. The list was created from cemetery lot cards done in the 1970s and 1980s. She intends to ask the Mid Michigan Genealogical Society whether they want to release the cards to ICGS, but with some limits on release of the information.

Dave Held announced the Executive Board will meet before the October meeting.

Isabelle Wells said Mark Hoffman will speak on the Civil War at the October 8 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary