

Ingham County Genealogical Society

October 13, 2005

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, David Held. 30 members and guests were present. Guest was Len Maybee from Dimondale.

Installation of Officers 2005-06: Past President, Sam Pardee conducted the installation of the following officers:

President: David Held	Vice President: Harry Warner
Recording Sec. Cathy Morse (absent)	Membership Sec: Jean Crawford
Treasurer: Marge James	Trustee: Joyce Yeutter
Trustee; Pete Phelps (arrived late, sworn in later by Pres. Held)	

Each Officer received a Policy Book for their specific duties.

Approval of Secretarial Minutes: Alice Raatz reported that the Sept minutes contained 2 errors. Treasurer Marge James was incorrectly listed as Marge Griffin and Eaton was misspelled. Tammy Parsons made a motion to accept the August minutes with corrections as submitted by recording secretary, Alice Raatz. Sam Pardee seconded. Carried.

Approval of Treasurer Report: No report this month. Marge James had been out of town.

Officers Reports:

President: David Held announced a change in the Executive Board Meeting date to Sunday, November 13th at John Castle's residence in Mason.

President Held will be contacting members to serve on the following committees: Merchandise sales, Corresponding Secretary, Publicity and Research.

Treasurer: Marge James reported that the microfilm reader/printer fund for last month collected \$20 and the jar is being passed for donations at tonight's meeting.

Membership Secretary: Jean Crawford reported that many members have renewed.

Jean read a letter from member Val Warren who keeps us updated on her husband, Walter's, poor health.

Jean also shared some early 1900 photo's of Lansing.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells reports that volunteers have been coming forward. Volunteers are always needed, reference room is busy.

New Items: 6 reels of Williamstown township records and re-filmed Ingham County News.

Family History Seminar at the State Library is Sat. Oct 22. John Castle and Shirley Hodges are among the speakers. Forms available.

Isabelle was given permission to have a small display at the Mason Library for Family History Month.

Committee Reports:

Social: Barb Smith reports that the coffee fund money had a \$50 excess which she recently gave to treasurer, Marge James.

MGC: Tammy Parsons: Senate Bill #795 allowing access to vital records is awaiting a hearing date.

Sam Pardee reports that about 120 people have registered for the Oct. 22 seminar.

Sam also reported that JoAnn Harvey talked today on Family Health History project. Forms available on www.pueblo.gsa.gov.

Publications: John Castle reports that the Williamstown township records have been microfilmed which consists of 6 reels. Copies were donated to Library of Michigan, Williamstown township and sold a copy to Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne.

Leroy Township records are the next project.

\$6,300 remains in the grant money fund for projects.

Newsletter: Barb Smith reports that the newsletter is ready for members to pick up on the back table. Next edition is January 2006.

Historian: Alice Raatz reports that the History Book is available to browse.

50/50 Drawing: Following a 10 minute break, Norm Osborn conducted the drawing. Michael Bushnell won \$17.50.

New Business: David Held reports on the following:

December Potluck meeting. Meet at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members should bring dish to pass and table service. Lynne Castle will be in charge of decorations.

November's guest speaker will be Kathleen Weesies talking on "Maps"

Ancestry Plus is no longer available through the school districts, but still available through the libraries.

Bruce Bevier is home recuperating from a recent hospitalization.

A letter & photos from California members, who visited ancestor's graves at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mason and were disappointed with the conditions of grave markers, was commented on. David Held will send a letter in response.

Adjournment: After round table discussion John Castle made a motion to adjourn. David Held adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Substitute Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz