

Ingham County Genealogical Society
October 13, 2011

The October 13, 2011, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. There were 23 people in attendance, including 4 guests.

PROGRAM: Lorri Miller, owner and operator of Mt. Hope Monument Company, spoke about "The History of Granite."

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the business meeting began at 8:33 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF 2011-2012 ICGS OFFICERS: John Castle administered the oath of office for the 2011-2012 officers: President, Grove Sandrock; Treasurer, William Carr; Membership Secretary, Cathy Morse; Librarian, Diane Bishop; and Trustees, Rod Jewett and Jeff Montgomery. Recording Secretary, Sheri Sleep was not able to attend the meeting. Grove Sandrock said Sara Price has notified him that she will be unable to assume the position of vice president because of her employment situation.

MINUTES: Dave Held moved to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2011, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Grove Sandrock thanked Kim Donaldson who substituted for Lorie Neuman as Social Chair. The Facebook page for ICGS is now operational. Several people, including some from out of state, have accessed it, even though there are still some problems with the page. To use the page when in Facebook, do a search for "Ingham County Genealogical Society." This will return some icons. Click on the ICGS icon, then click on "like" to get updates. One can also click on "RSS" to get information. Bill Carr provided a handout with ways to safely use Facebook. Committee chairs will remain the same as the previous year, except Lorie Neuman replaced Sheri Sleep as Social Chair. Because of the vacancy in the vice presidential position, Grove asked members to give him program ideas. The next executive board meeting will be October 27, 7 p.m., at Bill Carr's home. Grove also asked for volunteers to replace Sara Price as vice president. The board will have to approve the candidate. The board has decided to affiliate with the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). There are advantages for ICGS, such as having them review the ICGS bylaws and make suggestions. There are also advantages for ICGS members, such as a reduced rate for a subscription to the FGS publication "Forum." There is a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer as greeters for the year. Grove also spoke about the issue raised at the September meeting to add another trustee position. It is his conclusion that the board does not have the authority to create a new position; only the membership can do that. Julie Carr, however, told Grove she preferred that no exception be made to create the position for her. She is interested in serving in some capacity.

Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of September 30, 2011, are \$14,664.19, including \$3,621.58 in grant money. Also available were copies of the 2011-2012 budget approved by the board.

Librarian Diane Bishop asked for volunteers to help in the library. New lighting is being installed at the library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Isabelle Wells announced on behalf of Newsletter Chair Cindy Hawkins the newsletter is nearly finished. Publicity Chair Dave Held was concerned that no-one saw the meeting notice in newspapers. The information for the Mason Chamber of Commerce Channel may have to be submitted four weeks ahead of time according to Isabelle Wells. Tammy Parsons suggested using Craig's list for meeting notices. Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Tammy Parsons said the MGC board meets October 14, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT: The November 10 meeting will be a round-table discussion about our ancestors who were veterans, entitled "Let's Salute Our Veteran Ancestors in Honor of Veterans Day."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Substitute Recording Secretary