

APRIL 10, 1997 - INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall, with 41 persons present. President Joyce Darrow called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Visitors were recognized and asked to introduce themselves and give the surnames of the persons they were researching.

Four persons jointed our society tonight, we now have 40 paid memberships, totaling 53 people.

The Secretary minutes of March 13th. were read and approved. It was announced that copies of the combined Secretary and Treasurer's report were available of the March 13th. meeting, and if the membership so wished, we would make them available for all future meetings in this format.

The Treasurers report was read, with a check book balance of \$378.57, as of April 10, 1997.

Under Old Business: The letter prepared by Jerry Fellows, which is to be mailed to our U.S. Senate and House Representatives, requesting that the National Archive system remain intact. All persons present tonight are requested to sign the letter.

Joyce Darrow gave a report on the status of the microfilming of the Ingham County News newspapers. A proposal from Microform Systems, Inc. of Lansing, is for \$1453, and a bid from the Clarke Library is for \$1550. She asked for approval to allow the Executive Committee to determine where to place the bid. Florence Hill made a motion to grant the Executive Committee that authority. Motion was seconded by Jerry Fellows. Passed!

Joyce said it was too late to participate in the Mason Spring Fling held in May, but the Executive Committee recommended we rent booth space for the Mason Down Home Days, held on September 20th., and this activity to be used as a fund raising project for the society. Cost of a booth was \$40.00. A motion made by Bernice Parker and seconded by Greg James that a booth be reserved. Passed!

Jean Crawford was appointed to head a fund raising committee, others asked to serve were Jan Morgan, Sharon Bryde, Lynne Castle, Jerry Fellows and Marge James. This committee will develop plans and items to sell, and will report to the full membership their recommendations.

A discussion on holding the fund raising project, "Introduction/Beginning Genealogy Seminar", at the Vevay Township Hall, on Saturday October 25th. Jerry Fellows and Sam Pardee would work on this project. Motion made by Jerry Fellows, and seconded by Sharon Bryde, to schedule the seminar and reserve the Vevay Township Hall for October 25th. Passed!

Jerry Fellows gave a report on his, and Sam Pardee's fund raising project. That of preparing a guide for beginners to genealogy. The packet would sell for about \$10. This item would also be sold at the Down Home Days, and at the October 25th seminar. It was requested this project be brought before the April 24th. Executive Meeting for further discussion and consideration.

Bill Atkinson gave an excellent program on Newspaper Research.

Refreshments were by Joyce Darrow.

Submitted by John Castle, Secretary