

MAY 8, 1997 Meeting Minutes - Ingham County Genealogical Society

Monthly meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall, with 30 persons present. President Joyce Darrow called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and visitors were recognized and asked to introduce themselves, and give the surnames of the persons they were researching. Three family memberships were submitted tonight. The current membership roster is 43, totaling 60 persons.

Secretary Minutes of the April 10 meeting were distributed to those in attendance. Treasurers Report, was also distributed. The checkbook balance is \$369.88 , as of May 8, 1997.

Vice President Sam Pardee said he, and Ed Parker attended the Michigan Genealogical Council today, and would report at the June meeting on grant applications. He also displayed the three volumes of the Michigan Death Index provided to our society, by MGC. These books will be added to our library holdings.

Old Business: John Castle reported the society had received a letter from the National Archives Director, John W. Carlin, in reply to our concerns of possible regional closures. Copies of his letter is available to members tonight. John also reported the Mid-Michigan Book Fair will be held on April 5, 1998.

Joyce announced the Ingham County News newspapers (1869-1897), are being picked up at Mason Library by Microform Inc. on Monday May 12 at 1:30pm, for Microfilming. Members are encouraged to be present and the news media is expected to cover the event.

Jean Crawford, Chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee, gave a full report on the items her committee had selected for fund raising projects. They are as follows: The FIRST group covered tote bags, t-shirts, and sweatshirts. These items would be presold to society members, with all profits being used for future projects.

A motion was made by Lynne Castle and seconded by Bill Atkinson to approve this project. Motion passed.

The SECOND group covered the Family Tree Chart and Memory Book. A motion was made by Jean Crawford and seconded by Alice Raatz to approve this project. Motion passed. The THIRD group covered "Starting a Genealogy Instruction Packet" and the October 25 "Introduction to Genealogy" seminar. The packet will be available for sale at the Mason Down Home Days, and the seminar. A motion was made by Tammy Parsons and seconded by Greg James to approve this project. Motion passed. The FOURTH fund raising group involved using a 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings. Tickets were priced at \$1.00 each, or 3 for \$2.00. Motion made by Shirley Hodges, and seconded by Bill Atkinson to approve the Drawing.

Motion Passed. The FIFTH, and last project covered the sale of 5x7 Pictures, and a selection of Note Cards w/pictures, covering Ingham County. A motion was made by Bill Atkinson to accept the project but delay it for further study, and bring it back at the next meeting. Seconded by Tammy Parsons. Bill explained this would give us time to have pictures to select, and compare cost. Motion passed.

New Business: Paula Johnston, the Register of Deeds for Ingham County, has arranged for a society tour, with information on records of the Deeds Office. The tour dates of May 21, and June 18, from 7 to 9pm. It was announced that Randy Gladstone will have a display of his pictures at the Court House during the Michigan Week celebration. Tammy Parsons offered to loan the society a metal frame 10' x 10' shelter for use during the Mason Down Home Days, in September.

A committee was formed, to be chaired by John Castle, for the purpose of raising funds to continue the microfilming of the old local newspapers, and the purchase of a microfilm reader, as funds as available.

Minutes submitted by John Castle, Secretary

THE NEXT SOCIETY MEETING WILL BE ON, THURSDAY JUNE 12, 1997 @ 7:30pm.
THE PROGRAM WILL BE ON "PHOTOGRAPH PRESERVATION", by RANDY GLADSTONE.