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February 12, 1998 - Ingham County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall and was called to order by President Jerry Fellows at 7:30 PM.

President Fellows opened the meeting asking the society to approve the minutes from the December 10, 1997 meeting, there was no meeting in January do to weather conditions. A motion was made by Joyce Yeutter and seconded by Sally Landreville to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Guests introduced themselves and briefly described how they are researching their families.

Jerry Fellows introduces a new idea, suggested by Randy Gladstone to have the speaker at the beginning of the meeting to keep from cutting into our speakers' time.

Shirley Hodges was introduced her topic was on Ethnic Migration to Michigan. Her lecture included many kinds of Nationalities and was a most interesting and informational. Members were given a folder detailing some of the sources where information could be found. This also included some of the reasons they left home: Compulsory Military Service; Searching for Adventure; Opportunity; To Escape Oppression; and To Provide a Better Life for Themselves and Their Children. Why many of them chose Michigan - Land Opportunities, Industrial Opportunities, Natural Resources and the Fur Trade.

After Shirley Hodges' lecture we had a brief coffee break.

The meeting was re-opened by the 50/50 Raffle and \$20.00 was won by our President Jerry Fellows.

Jean Crawford read the Treasurers Report, we have a balance of \$1, 274.34.

President Fellows gave the Vice-President's report on upcoming meetings.

Sally Landreville is to speak in April instead of March.

Our March meeting will be a "Genealogy Helper Night." As of right now the May meeting will be on our By- Laws.

Jerry gave a price of \$49.80 for 100 copies of the Newsletter. A price of \$82.00 total (postage and printing) is given, Jerry introduces the idea of a Bi-monthly newsletter. Sally Landreville makes the motion to have the Newsletter Bi-monthly and Clarence Hodges second the motion. There is a long discussion and the motion failed, the Quarterly Newsletter stands.

Joyce Darrow reports on our room at the Library. We have had a donation of an Microfiche-Microfilm reader, along with hundreds of Genealogical Microfiches. The room is open anytime for members that the Library is open. Hours for the public are Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Joyce Darrow reports on a possible project given by the Michigan Genealogy Council on recording the Death Records of Ingham County. Motion by Isabelle Wells to help record these records is given, Barb Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Atkinson representing MMGS presents ICGS with one copy of all materials available from Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. A total of 22 books are donated for our research room at the Library.

Mr. Atkinson also spoke about Ingham County possibly being chosen as a site of a Regional Genealogy Conference., this may be for the year of 2000. Joyce Darrow motions to pursue this possibility, second by Sally Landreville. Motion carried.

Randy Gladstone spoke on a possibility of having a ICGS cookbook. He then spoke on the Note Card project, this project, sorry to say, has had its problems. After a long discussion on where the project stands the matter was closed..

Jerry Fellows brings up the idea of us starting our meeting at 7:00 p.m. After discussions, Barb Smith motions our meetings remain at 7:30 p.m., Isabelle Wells seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce Darrow amends the November minutes to include: (1) Hazel Vaughn is on the By-Law committee, (2) That the Mason Historic District Commission has given us the use of their materials with restrictions, and (3) the refreshment committee was appointed not elected.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Yeutter and seconded by Joyce Darrow.

~~Minutes~~ by Recording Secretary Randy Gladstone.

Personal Note from recording Secretary, Randy Gladstone. This will be my last report of the minutes, I have given President Fellows my resignation. I have found, do to my many obligations that I have failed to comply with what I feel a Secretary should do. I truly believe in this society, and I will still remain a member and hope I can help in other ways.

Sincerely
Randy Gladstone