

Meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall and called to order by President Jerry Fellows. He asked that the society minutes of February 12, 1998 be approved. After the name Helen Vaughn was changed to Hazel and several typo errors were corrected, a motion was made by Shirley Hodges and seconded by Sally Landreville to accept the minutes. Motion Carried. Copies of the revised minutes will be distributed at the April meeting. Forty-two persons were present at this evening, thirty-eight members and four visitors.

Due to the resignation of Randy Gladstone, the President appointed Sally Landreville as the Recording Secretary to fill out the balance of his term. Two individuals joined the society tonight, Margie M. Griffin of Mason and Sheryl Brown (renewal) of Charlotte.

Mr. Fellows announced that he had been told by attorney Bert Burleson that any agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Terence Royston and the society regarding the Royston photograph collection will not go forward. Burleson stated that as far as he is concerned the matter is a dead issue.

The next Executive Committee Meeting is March 26, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. in the Hilliard Building, Mason, MI. The subject of the meeting will be the 'Reference Room' in the Mason Library. Sharlene Tietsort, the head librarian of the Mason Library and Dorothy Ferris are to be invited to attend. The Reference Room is in need of more shelving and a volunteer is needed to determine the cost and the type of shelving that can be used, but no work would be done until after the March 26th. meeting.

Through Dr. Joseph Druse, a large collection of genealogical books and materials were donated to the society, from the Estate of Joan Snyder. Mr. Fellows said the holdings were quite extensive. They have been inventoried, and are now in the Research Room but are not on the book shelves as yet. He said a letter has been sent to the estate acknowledging the donated material, but the society cannot establish a dollar value.

Sign up sheets were distributed asking for members to volunteer to work at the society table for both the April 5, 1998 Genealogy & History Book Fair in the Lansing Center and the May 9, 1998 Eaton County Genealogical Society Annual Workshop at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing.

Vice President Sam Pardee reported that Sally Landreville will be the speaker in April. The May meeting will be devoted to a review of the Society By-Laws, and act on them if needed. Sam also reviewed the restricted public access to vital records in certain states and asked that we keep abreast to legislation in Michigan.

Treasurer Jean Crawford reported the financial report is attached to the February minutes and that the check book balance is \$1,321.55, as of March 12, 1998.

Membership Secretary John Castle reported on the death of Bernice Collins Parker, a charter member of our society, who passed away on Friday, February 13, 1998. Edward Parker, the husband of Bernice has donated \$15.00 of her memorial money to the society. He asked that it be used to help fund the microfiching of the Locke Township research papers. John also reported our membership is now one hundred paid members.

Joyce Darrow, our representative to the Michigan Genealogical Council reported on the bimonthly meeting held at the State of Michigan Library held on March 12.

Under Old Business: Mr. Fellows discussed the progress of the 'Note Card' project and said Randy Gladstone had furnished eight pictures that will be used. Samples of the note cards were passed out for the members to look at. A motion by Lynne Castle and seconded by Dale Farlin to rescind the original vote, which was taken on July 10, 1997 to print 500 sets of note cards at a cost of \$680. Motion Carried.

A new motion was made by Tammy Parsons and seconded by Alice Raatz, to spend \$400. to print 250 sets on parchment paper. The Note Cards will be sold for \$6. a single set or \$10. for two sets. Motion carried.

New Business:

John Castle presented the Donna Heminger Locke Township research papers which were donated to our society on February 3, 1998. Her document has 740 single sided pages of data with an 'all name' index of 14,000 names of early settlers in Locke Township, Ingham County, MI. He recommended we microfiche the material and use the firm of Microform Systems Inc. who had quoted the lowest filming price of \$79.40. Included are an extra 12 sets of microfiche. A set will be donated to the State of Michigan Library; the Allen County Library; the L.D.S. Family Library; and to the author. The remaining sets will be for sale. A motion was made by Shirley Hodges and seconded by Dale Farlin, that the project is microfiched at a price of \$80. and the sale price of the extra Fiche will be set by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

John said the society had been contacted by Dorothy Ferris, a member of the Mason Area Historical Society. She wishes to purchase a copy of the 11 reels of microfilm we have of the 1868-1897 Ingham County News newspapers. He recommended we do this. Microform Systems, the low bidder will make a duplicate copy at \$17. per reel. A motion was made by Isabelle Wells and seconded by Joyce Darrow, that the 11 reels are copied and we charge Mrs. Ferris what our cost is. Motion carried.

Mr. Fellows then discussed the need to print a society brochure for use at the Book Fair. Samples were passed out and a long discussion was held on the content and appearance of the proposed brochure. Several changes were suggested. A motion was made by Lynne Castle and seconded by Gloria Hanthorne, to print 1,000 copies at a price of \$90. Motion carried.

The business meeting was closed.

Coffee break and 50/50 Drawing.

After coffee and cookies three genealogical work areas were established:

Greg James, using his lap top computer, gave instructions and a demonstration on how to log onto the Internet and to access the society Web Page.

Sam Pardee and Jerry Fellows answered questions and offered help to those that were new to genealogy.

Shirley Hodges and Sally Landreville fielded questions from members on what to do when the going gets tough and where to look for new sources of information.

The program was well received.

Minutes taken by John Castle