

ICGS SOCIETY MEETING

August 17, 2006

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Cathy Morse.

Meeting was called to order by Society President, David Held at 7: 10 p.m.

Number of members present: 30

Visitors present: 6

The meeting was a round table discussion of various questions and responses from the membership. President Held suggested that a future meeting be held as a forum on Family Tree Maker software. The Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society (MGS) has a group that knows the software and will conduct classes on it.

BUSINESS MEETING:

David Held called the meeting to order at 8:25.

Secretary Minutes: Minutes were distributed for the June 8, 2006 meeting. No changes were requested. Isabelle Wells made a motion to accept the minutes and Sam Pardee seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report: Marge James reported that the society had a balance of \$20,417.32. Marge stated that sales of digital records were doing well. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Sam Pardee and seconded by Isabelle Wells.

Norm Osborn held the 50/50 drawing and David Held won. The winnings were donated to the Digital Record Translation Fund.

President David Held announced that the next Executive Board meeting would be held at John and Lynn Castle's on September 17 at 3:00 p.m. The next society meeting will be held on September 14 with the election of officers. The guest speaker will be Jim Moses who will present strange facts in the census.

Vice President Harry Warner had nothing new to report.

Recording Secretary Cathy Morse had nothing new to report.

Membership: Jean Crawford stated that the membership year will end on September 30, 2006. With the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2006, membership is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for couples. A packet of information to present to new members and visitors is being developed and will consist of application forms, brochures, society pens, and ancestor tracking sheets. Vice President Harry Warner designed the cover logo for the packet. Reference Room: Isabelle Wells announced that the MGC will sponsor a seminar at the Library of Michigan on Saturday October 14. The cost for the seminar is \$15 with an additional \$7.25 for a box lunch. The Flint Genealogical Society will have a free seminar on the same day to celebrate their 50th anniversary. On November 4, 2006, the Eaton County Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Fort Wayne library will close in December for a month as it relocates to a new location. Isabelle distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers on Tuesdays in the reference room. Members continue to support the reference room, but there are few visitors.

Trustees: Pete Phelps had nothing new to report.

Michigan Council: Sam Pardee reported restated that the MGC will hold a seminar on October 14, with many good speakers.

Newsletter: Barb Smith had nothing to report regarding the newsletter.

Publications: John Castle reported that the law firm of Foster, Zack and Little, representing the Abrams foundation, notified him that the board of directors had unanimously approved an \$8,000 grant for 2007 to the society. The money will be used to continue microfilming township records. The money will be used to microfilm Lansing Township records. Still need to microfilm records for Williamston, Webberville and Stockbridge. All the records will be microfilmed and then transferred to CD.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Computer: Greg James said that the computer is working well and the webpage is doing o.k. with the exception of receipt of junk mail. Greg is deleting about 80 junk e-mails a day.

Old Business: None was reported.

New Business: John Castle read the nomination report for officers. The by-laws, Section 2, gave the society president the authority to form a nominating committee by June 1 to seek candidates for the coming year. The nominating committee sent out e-mails, made phone calls, and met with potential nominees in person. The following are the names of members who will serve as officers for the coming year:

President: Harry Warner

Vice President: David Held will serve as a nominee of no one else can be found

Recording Secretary: Cathy Morse

Treasurer: Marge James

Membership Secretary: Jean Crawford

Trustee: Pete Phelps

Trustee: Delores Monroe

Reference Room: Isabelle Wells

During the September nomination meeting, any member can make a nomination from the floor if the nominee is present.

John Castle also reported that at the July board meeting, it was decided it would be a good idea to review the by-laws to see if the society is mandated to hold 12 monthly meetings. Harry Warner will be solicited to review the by-laws and set up a subcommittee to present suggestions to the membership.

John Castle made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Barb Smith.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.