

Ingham County Genealogical Society
April 12, 2012

The April 12, 2012 membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 48 people in attendance, 4 of them were visitors.

PROGRAM: The House Where Grandma Grew Up: Learning About Your Ancestors by Examining Where They Lived - Valerie Marvin , President of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing was the guest speaker. The program showed examples of the many styles of homes, the locations of the rooms in the homes and the type and style of furnishings that were used during each era. The presentation represented the years ranging from the early 1800's into the early 1900's.

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting made by Tammy Parsons and was seconded by Dave Held, the motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: President Grove Sandrock reported that the Donna Marion Heminger Memorial fund has received \$605.00 in donations. The ICGS is still looking at ways to use the funds in a way to honor her memory. Grove said that the Board agreed that the minutes from the Society's meetings will go on the website with a "disclaimer" added to show that they have not yet been accepted by the membership.

MSU Archives made a request to the ICGS asking to have a membership list provided to them that would have been used for contact purposes. The Board did not see fit and authorized the President to decline the request but offer that the MSU Archives could send information that was deemed appropriate, could be added by the Society to the ICGS website or be used by the membership.

Bill Carr made a request for help during the "Mason Spring Fling" that will take place on May 5, 2012 in Mason, Mi and that it would be a great opportunity for sharing information with the public. He asked for at least 5 people to help and at least that many members signed up to help. Also, on May 5, 2012, the Family History Center is having a presentation that will be a good place for beginners to start.

TREASURER: Bill Carr reported that the ICGS is doing quite well financially and that with the help of sales, is sitting in a secure place, even though the membership numbers have fallen off by about 25%. The sales of newspaper DVDs and requests for help with research have helped.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Membership is still down but we have received a couple of new members recently.

LIBRARIAN: Diane Bishop reported that the Mason Library will be closed from May 16, 2012 until June 3, 2012 for renovations. The building will reopen on June 4, 2012.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:

NEWSLETTER: Cindy Hawkins reported that the newsletter is ready and will be sent out to members as well as posted on the website.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL DELEGATES: Tammy Parsons said that the Archives of Michigan is asking if the ICGS is still willing to donate the \$1000.00 to assist in moving the Abrams Collection . Tammy asked if the Society was still willing to follow through with the commitment that was made. Grove said that the ICGS would like to have more exact information in the time line of when and how this move will take place before expending the funds in a way that may not be wise. Tammy stated that the fund will be used strictly for moving the collection and wants to know if there will be a commitment from the ICGS to follow through. Grove said that since the financial status of the society has changed and the time line of the move is not definite, the Board felt that it is not wise to do anything at this time. Also since a motion was not "ear-marked" for the funds, we were really not committed to using money for this. Tammy said that the Michigan Genealogical Council would like an answer. The President indicated that the Board would give this issue further consideration at its next meeting on April 19, 2012.

Sam Pardee said that there has been 135 people that have signed up through Family History to help index the 1940 census. One person has actually already done 10,000 images.

MERCHANDISE SALES: Isabelle Wells said that the first shipment of t-shirts has arrived and that they were unable to get the "neutral" color but the color " Sand" is available instead. Tote bags are also in. The order still has to have at least 13 items before it can be placed.

WEBSITE: Harry Warner said that he is happy with the new company that has been chosen to support the ICGS website. The cost is reasonable and the service is good. It was also reported that a member that lives out of state, visited the new site and was very pleased with the results of her research.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT: No new announcements

The next meeting will be held at Vevay Township Hall on May 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The subject will be: Conducting Genealogical Research at the Ingham County Probate Court. George Strander, Court Administrator and Probate Register, will be the guest speaker.

Next Board meeting will be held on April 19, 2012 at the home of Bill Carr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheri Sleep
Recording Secretary