

November 2012 Meeting Minutes

The November 8, 2012, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall, Mason, Michigan. President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 30 people in attendance including 4 guests.

PROGRAM: Natalie Winans, from the Lansing Historical Society, was the guest speaker. Her presentation was on "Victorian Clothing and Fashion – Knowledge in Aiding in Identifying People or Dates of Photos."

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the October 11, 2012 meeting by Grove Sandrock and was seconded by Sam Pardee. The motion was accepted and passed.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: The new trustee, Julia Carr, was introduced and administered the Oath of Office by John Castle.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane Bishop reported that the tour of the Archives of Michigan had a good turnout. Most everyone got their ID cards and the tour was informative and was enjoyed. The bus trip to the Allen County Library was attended by a couple of people. They reported having a good time and accomplishing some research. The Michigan Genealogical Council/Archives of Michigan Fall Seminar would be held on this Saturday. A signup sheet was passed around for door greeters for the next several meetings. The society also still needs a Social committee chairman. See Diane to volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reports that the next newsletter will be sent out in January. She is looking for articles or other ideas for the newsletter. She will also accept articles about veterans. Submit articles to her or to the website. The deadline is the first week in January.

Librarian: Diane Bishop reports that a couple of people from out of town found information on the web site that led them to come to the library and find some previously unknown information and they were very grateful for the research opportunity.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that there have been no sales in the past month. However, there was a problem with the order form on the website and that might account for things.

Website: Harry Warner reports that there was a problem with the order forms but it has been fixed. He is in the midst of updating the web site. He needs the minutes from September and

October. In the future, he would like a draft copy of the most recent minutes to post in advance of the next meeting.

Social: Lorie Neuman reports next month will be the Christmas potluck. The party will start at 6 p.m. and we will eat at 6:30 p.m. Everyone should bring a dish to pass, their own table service, a white elephant gift, and canned food to donate to the food bank.

Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates: Sam Pardee reports that the Archives of Michigan will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. starting in January. The Abrams seminar will be July 12-13, 2013. Dr. Jones will be doing two seminars-one on researching people with the same last names. The Seeking Michigan website has added the state censuses from 1884 and 1894. The Library is still looking to add to the genealogy collection. The council is still pushing for library hours on Saturday without great success. As members of the ICGS, we can attend the programs sponsored by the MGC. Check the website for dates and times. Family search is setting up a Wiki site but only members can make changes. Societies can set up pages with information about their organization. Lansing Community College has a recognition program for deserving veterans. Memorial will be Sunday. Council wants to have some delegate meetings out state to bring in a different crowd and groups can bring things to sell.

Trustees: They will be performing a financial audit soon since the books closed on September 30, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

The meeting dates for 2013 have not been posted on the web because we have not received official approval yet from the township. They have been submitted but not approved yet. Normally are the second Thursday in the month except for January, June, and July. They will be posted when officially approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 2012 at the Vevay Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sam Pardee and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:45 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary