

Ingham County Genealogical Society
May 9, 2013

The May 9, 2013, 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 7:01 p.m. There were 28 members and 2 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: Roni Sionakides was the guest speaker. Her presentation was on Quaker Research and Genealogy.

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:34 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the March 14, 2013 meeting by Harry Warner and was seconded by Dave Held. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane Bishop reported that the Spring Fling went well and thanked the volunteers. The setup worked pretty well but could use some refinements. We still need volunteers for a couple of things in the fall. She announced that the Abrams Seminar is at the Library of Michigan on July 12-13 and that the Family History Genealogy Seminar is in East Lansing on Saturday May 11. She notified the group about the passing of a charter Society Member, and passed around her obituary. She reminded everyone to make sure water is turned off all the way in the bathrooms and kitchen. Lastly, she thanked all the volunteers for tonight's meeting for their help.

Treasurer: Report was read by Diane Bishop. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Joann Depeel and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed.

Librarian: Committee is still looking for volunteers for the summer months. Some members are concerned that the old newspapers are deteriorating and that something should be done to protect them. One possibility is to buy storage boxes so they can be stored flat. Drawbacks to that is finding storage space and cost. Another possibility is to stop looking at them and use the CD's exclusively. Drawbacks to that include higher search times and only one person can search at a time. Members were asked to think about the situation and come up with suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reports that the next newsletter will be sent out in July. Members can submit articles for publication.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that there were no sales this past month. The DVD's are almost ready. There was some last minute tweaking to the process and that they should be ready in the next week or so. They are big files and will run faster if loaded on the computer.

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Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates: Tammy Parsons reports that you can register for the Abrams Seminar on July 12-13 online at SeekingMichigan.org and that there are only 4 slots left for the lock-in. The Michigan Archives is creating county guides for archival materials posted on SeekingMichigan.org and they are being posted as they are finished. The genealogy page for the Library of Michigan will no longer be maintained by the Library. The Michigan Archives will be taking that over and moving it to their website. Registration for the Michigan breakfast at the FGS Conference will be open soon and the proceeds will go to the War of 1812 preservation project. Finally, Eaton County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the Fort Wayne library on November 2, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Down Home Days is Saturday September 21st in downtown Mason. People have signed up and will receive a reminder in August. We are still deciding about ordering plastic bags with the logo on it to put literature in. The more you order the cheaper they are but then you have the storage issue. One question is whether people would keep the bag or just get rid of it. Solutions would be to buy plain bags and put labels on them, or put logo on paperwork, or maybe hand out pens or something else with logo on it. Members were asked to think about the situation and come up with suggestions.

DVD's of Ingham County News newspapers 1935-1969 will be sold to ICGS members only as a set for \$65 if picked up and \$70 if mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

The August 8th meeting is the annual Family and Friends Picnic. Signup sheets are being passed around. There will be an unwrapped white elephant auction.

A nominating committee for next year officers and committee chairs will be formed soon. If members are interested in either joining the committee or a position they can call Diane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday August 8, 2013 at the Vevay Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the pavilion weather permitting, otherwise will be inside.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dave Held and seconded by Grove Sandrock. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:28 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary