

**Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
September 11, 2014**

The September 11, 2014, 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 7:00 p.m. There were 22 members and 5 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: Kathryn Wilson was the guest speaker. Her presentation was titled “Using Google Before Family Search and Ancestry.”

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the May 8, 2014 meeting by Tammy Parsons and was seconded by Alice Raatz. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane talked about the Upcoming Events Flyer she developed. She is going to do this for a couple months and see if members find it helpful. If members have things that they would like to include, send an email to Diane with the details. She recognized Steve DePeel to introduce the proposed by-law amendment. This was made necessary by the difficulty of finding new officers. Diane and Lorie volunteered to serve another term but would have been prevented due to the by-laws. The amendment passed. Diane finished by recognizing and thanking all the volunteers for the evening.

Vice President: Lorie did not have anything to report.

Treasurer: Bill Carr reports that the society is now in the black. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report by Beth Hall and seconded by Joann DePeel. The motion was accepted and passed.

Membership: Cathy handed out charts that illustrated the membership numbers over the length of the society. The society has about half the member that that we had at the beginning, and about half that number have been here 10 years or longer. We are also not retaining the new members that have signed up lately. Cathy sees this as a challenge to find a way to recruit and maintain new members. She suggested that the society focuses a lot of time and energy on Mason, Holt but there are other areas of Ingham County that we haven’t spent time on. She tried to involve our out of state members. Another society held a raffle with the prize being a “Who Do You Think You Are” type of treatment to the best of the society’s ability. She thinks we get the highest attendance at meetings when we have quality interesting speakers. Membership is a dynamic number so it changes week to week and month to month. It was suggested that we do a follow up on members that drop out to try and find out why they didn’t stay in the society. A lot of people joined to be able to buy our merchandise or do specific research, and never intended to stay long term. She encourages all members to visit the library, get to know the new officers, and support the new membership secretary.

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Librarian: Diane showed off the green binder that has the list and map of where research books are located in the library. The library has had one to three visitors each week.

Trustee: Jeff reported that an audit had been completed and a written report was submitted to the president. The books are in great shape. There will be another audit in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: Alice reports that she has a few pictures from the picnic.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reports that she will accept articles for the next newsletter through September 30. However, it will not be sent until after the October meeting so she can include a picture of the new officers.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that she has sold four sets of DVD's since May.

FGS Delegate: There are pamphlets in the back for the combined Rootsweb/FGS conference next year. The pension transcription project is still ongoing. There will be an election soon. The top three officers are running unopposed. If you have input, send it to Bill and he can submit a vote on behalf of the society.

OLD BUSINESS

Down Home Days is September 20th. A couple of people volunteered to help Diane close.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve DePeel presented the slate of officers running for the 2014/2015 term. It includes: President-Diane Bishop, Co Vice Presidents-Lorie Neuman and Lisa Feury, Recording Secretary-Lora McAdams, Membership Secretary-Joann DePeel, Treasurer-William Carr, Librarian-Isabelle Wells, Trustees-Jeff Montgomery and Connie Stewart. Tammy made a motion to vote on the slate as a whole as presented and Alice seconded it. The motion was accepted and passed. The slate of officers was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday October 9, 2014 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Derek Davey will speaking about Migration Patterns to Northwest Ohio (part 1)

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Carr and seconded by Joann DePeel. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:00 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, ICGS Recording Secretary