

Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
October 9, 2014

The October 9, 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 7:06 p.m. There were 24 members and 3 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: Derek Davey was the guest speaker. His presentation was titled "Migration Patterns to Northwest Ohio and to Southeast Michigan."

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2014/2015 officers were given the oath of office and sworn in by Sam Pardee.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the September 11, 2014 meeting by Alice Raatz and was seconded by Bill Carr. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Events calendars. She finished by recognizing and thanking all the volunteers for the evening.

Vice President: Lorie announced that the next meeting would not feature a speaker. Instead members should bring any brick walls or research questions that they have and we would be breaking into groups to discuss and help each other with them. In addition, Lisa suggested members bring examples of special little tricks that they do that they think makes research easier to share with the group.

Treasurer: Bill reports that the society ended the fiscal year in the black but it was one of the least profitable years in a long time. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Lisa Feury and seconded by Sam Pardee. The motion was accepted and passed.

Membership: Joann reported that 56 members have paid dues for the new year and the society has added 5 new members.

Librarian: Isabelle reported that the library will be open Saturday October 18th from 10-4 in conjunction with the Mason library open house. She passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for this. She bought yearbooks at Down Home Days that she is selling. She has some from Southfield, and a few from other places. If she still has some, she will sell them on eBay and donate the money to the society.

Trustees: Jeff reported that he thought Down Home Days was a success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reports that the newsletter is just about ready to send out.

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Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reports that she has not sold anything in the last month. She is working on determining how much postage would be required to send something to Canada but the sale is not final yet.

MGC Delegates: There is a fall Family History Event at the Michigan Archives on Saturday November 1, 2014 with James Beidler talking about Pennsylvania and German research. Signup is at their website.

NEW BUSINESS

Change of Meeting Venue- There was a conversation started in 2008 or 2009 about trying to find a better venue for the society's membership meetings. At the time a better one couldn't be found. We have done some preliminary investigation in the last couple of months. A current vote indicates 15 are interested in changing the location, 12 don't care, and none are opposed to a change. Diane will report back when she has specific information from the best two locations. We have submitted a request for our current location just in case we can't find anyplace else. The township has not said anything to us about not wanting us to use the hall; however it is not the best location to find and has a dark street and parking lot.

Survey-Diane would like members to complete a membership survey and turn in by the November membership meeting.

Suggestion Box-Diane has a suggestion box that will be available at the membership meetings for suggestions on how to improve the society.

Community Tree Update-Lisa passed out examples of the owner, birth, and death tables created in Microsoft Access and explained the design and how the duplicate queries would work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday November 13, 2014 at the Vevay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Members will be presenting their tricks of the trade and then helping each other with brick walls.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Carr and seconded by Joann DePeel. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:27 p.m.

Report submitted by: Lisa Feury, substitute ICGS Recording Secretary