

**Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
November 13, 2014**

The November 13, 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 23 members in attendance.

PROGRAM: Members of the society shared "Tips and Tricks" they use in their research. Several questions and troubleshooting happened.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. There was a break at 8:35 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 8:56 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2014-2015 Recording Secretary was given the oath of office and sworn in by Diane Bishop.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the October 9, 2014 meeting by Cindy Hawkins and was seconded by Alice Raatz. The motion was accepted and passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Events calendar and the corrections. The greeter, hosting and refreshment, Christmas and library sign up sheets were passed around and members were asked to sign up. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked.

Vice President: Lorie Neuman announced that the February speaker will be Mitch Lutzke of Williamston. He will have copies of his book to sell with proceeds going to the Depot Museum in Williamston.

Treasurer: The Income and Expense Report was reviewed. It was asked about the (\$10) under Publicity/Promotion. Diane explained members of the Chamber of Commerce receive a discount for booth rent at Down Home. The society became a member in October and received \$10 from the Chamber of Commerce, which is the booth discount. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Dave Held and seconded by Harry Warner. The motion was accepted and passed.

Membership: Joann DePeel reported that all members should have received a Chamber of Commerce membership card. She explained that there are several businesses that offer a discount for being a member of the Chamber of Commerce. What others are doing to help promote our society: Joann is handing out brochures to local businesses and libraries and she reported that the Eaton County Genealogical Society has offered to add our meetings to their Calendar of Events; Diane will be speaking at Green Acres; Connie and Joann have attended Farmer Markets to hand out brochures and will do so again in the spring.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells reported that things are going well at the library, but that volunteers are needed.

Trustees: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: Nothing to report.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle reported that the sale to the individual in Canada has been finalized and the DVD's mailed.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins reported that the newsletter will be sent out on December 31.

Publicity: Nothing to report.

Publishing: Nothing to report.

Social: The Christmas party will be on December 11. Gathering at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Website: Nothing to report.

MGC Delegates: Tammy Parsons reported that at the MGC meeting there was discussion regarding societies losing members. Some suggestions for those societies that are losing members: ask why; what are people looking for; survey members to see if needs are being met; find out what people want but are not getting. She also reported that some newspapers are being archived and that the Library is working with a new company to fix the link for the Death Records.

FGS Delegate: The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and RootsTech are teaming up for a one-time special genealogy event at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, February 11–14, 2015. Early registration: January 23, 2015; Regular registration: February 6, 2015; Onsite registration: February 10, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Change of Venue – Connie Stewart and Diane Bishop visited 15 different sites and proposed 3 sites (Vevay Township Hall, Kiwanis Village in Mason, The Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt) for the membership to vote on. Harry Warner will send an electronic ballot and ask members to send their vote in by November 24. NOTE: Results were e-mailed to the membership. The new meeting venue will be The Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt.

Membership Survey – Members were reminded to complete the survey and turn in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

Lansing Family History Center will be open: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 pm – 8 pm; Wednesdays, 10 am – 6pm; Saturdays, 10 am -2 pm. The Center will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. It was suggested that if you want to go to the library in December to call first.

The Society Board Meeting will be on December 4, 2014 at Diane Bishop's home (1415 N. Every Road, Mason).

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Vevay Township Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Isabel Wells and seconded by Steve DePeel. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:17 p.m.