

**Ingham County Genealogical Society  
General Membership Meeting  
November 12, 2015**

The November 12, 2015, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan with 33 members and 5 guests in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She recognized guests that were present and reminded members to sign up for greeter, hosting and refreshments, and library.

**PROGRAM:** Rod Sadler's presentation was entitled, "To Hell I Must Go" a true story about a Williamston murder.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:34 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the October 8, 2015 meeting by Ron Smith and was seconded by Richard Muñiz. The motion was accepted and passed.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Upcoming Events calendar. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked. She offered condolences to Jean Crawford (cousin) and Melissa Alvarado (husband). She also informed everyone that Joyce Darrow passed away on November 1.

President Bishop reminded everyone of the inclement weather policy. If a meeting is cancelled, a message will be posted on the website by noon. Delhi Township will be notified as well as informing other media to get the information out.

Everyone has been asked to complete the ICGS Membership Input Sheet (attached). This is your opportunity to provide input regarding the Society.

ICGS received an award from MGC for having 20 years as a society.

**Vice President:** Lorie Neuman reported that she won a book on Huron County families at a conference. She offered the book to anyone interested in having it.

**Treasurer:** Report was provided for everyone to review. Kathy Langhals reported that we have \$150 to the positive and she does not foresee any shortfalls. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Richard Muñiz and seconded by Jean Crawford. The motion was accepted and passed.

**Membership:** Joann DePeel reported that we have 90 members (6 new and 2 returning). She also reminded everyone that the 2015-2016 Membership Dues are payable now.

**Librarian:** Isabelle Wells reported that the Library is still closed due to the installation of new flooring in the Mason Friends of the Library bookstore. It is hoped that the Library will reopen December 2. We continue to look for an Assistant Librarian to work with Isabelle as she will be retiring next year. As always, volunteers are needed to help in the library.

**Trustees:** Connie Stewart informed the group that Kathy Langhals received the books from William Carr at the end of October. Connie and Jeff Montgomery will meet with Kathy in the near future to complete an audit.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historian:** Alice Raatz reported that she has some new obituaries for the book and added pictures of the Cemetery Walk and the A & W fundraiser.

**Merchandise Sales:** Order forms are available for ordering merchandise (t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags). We need to have a minimum order of 13 items.

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reported that the newsletter will go out in January and articles will be accepted until the end of December. She also said that the December newsletter was sent a little later than normal due to having to find another place for copying (due to closure of Library).

**Publicity:** Dave Held continues to send notices to the local papers. A member stated that they saw a notice for the November meeting in the Sunday, 8 edition of the Lansing State Journal.

**Publishing:** No Report

**Social:** No Report

**Website:** No Report

**MGC Delegates:** Nothing to report as the next meeting is on November 13.

**FGS Delegate:** No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A & W Fundraiser was held on November 9. Diane Bishop thanked everyone who helped (volunteering, coming to eat). Donations totaled \$150. Still waiting to see what was earned from the dinners. It was agreed this was a good fundraising event and we should do it again.

Don't forget to get your copy of the ICGS Cookbook. They are \$10 and all funds will go toward the SAVE THE NEWSPAPERS project.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Annual Christmas Party will be on December 10 - gathering at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring your own table service. We will be collecting canned goods. Connie Stewart made a motion that the canned goods donation go to the Holt Food Bank. Phyllis Whidden seconded. The motion was accepted and passed.

Chamber of Commerce membership - President Bishop asked if we should renew our membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Tammy Parsons asked what the benefits of belonging to the Chamber were. Diane reported that the Chamber will advertise our events on their website and TV station in Mason, post flyers in the Chamber office, help with grants, discount for booths at Spring Fling and Down Home Days, and no charge for a booth at the

Ingham County Fair. A motion was made to renew our membership by Richard Muñiz and seconded by Connie Stewart. The motion was accepted and passed.

It was suggested that a spot asking how people learn about our society be added to the visitor form so we could collect data. Diane Bishop told the group that she had some numbers (1- Chamber of Commerce, 2 - Spring Fling or Down Home Days, 1 - friend, and others reported from reading in the newspaper).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Diane Bishop's home at 7:00 p.m.

Next membership meeting is our annual Christmas Party and will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan. Gathering at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sam Pardee and seconded by Jim Beckwith. The motion was accepted and passed at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lora McAdams  
Recording Secretary