

Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
March 10, 2016

The March 10, 2016, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan. There were 30 members in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She recognized guests that were present and reminded members to sign up for greeter, hosting and refreshments, and library. The evening's volunteers were recognized and thanked.

PROGRAM: Member Lisa Feury gave a presentation on how to use Evernote to help with your genealogy.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Calendar of Events.

President Bishop announced the resignation of Lorie Neuman, Vice-President. For the time being President Bishop will also act as Vice-President.

At the February 2016 membership meeting, there was a great deal of discussion regarding fund raising and many attendees felt like they did not have enough information to be able to vote. President Bishop provided an explanation of what fundraising projects are being considered. Please refer to the "From the President's Desk" in the upcoming newsletter for an indepth explanation.

On May 2 at 7 pm, the Mason Historical Society will conduct a program on Oral Histories (how an oral history is done).

Vice President: No Report.

Treasurer: Kathy Langhals reported that the Society is within the prospective budget. There was \$6,000 in checking and \$3,000 in savings. Some of the money was transferred from checking to savings. Income in February was \$235 (1/2 came from dues) and expenses were \$85.86. Sam Pardee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ron Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Membership: Joann DePeel reported there are 83 members.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells reported there was a snow day on February 24. Traffic into the Library has slowed down as many are not yet back from their winter homes. She reported that all of the 2015 obituaries have been indexed, sorting and making corrections is now happening. She hopes to have the index printed soon. The Library is running out of room so Isabelle is cleaning out more of the books. Keep an eye out at the membership meetings for that book you may want to add to your personal library! Books will be for sale at meetings for a donation.

One of the Mason Middle school 8th grade classes participated in the Mason College Club essay contest. A copy of the published essays was given to the Society.

Trustees: Connie Stewart reported that she and Isabelle Wells completed an audit of the 2014-15 books. She said this was the first full audit in the past 8 years. A member asked why an audit hadn't been done for 8 years. Diane Bishop said in 2014 the Trustees at the time did try but the treasurer at that time would not give up the books. There was discussion and some members commented that they could remember an audit being done within the past few years. Attached is a copy of the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: No Report

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reported 3 more cookbooks have been sold and can still be purchased.

Newsletter: Cindy Hawkins asked that newsletter articles be turned in by the end of March. The newsletter will be sent out in April.

Publicity: Nothing to report.

Publishing: Nothing to report.

Social: Phyllis Whidden thanked everyone for the snacks.

Website: No Report.

MGC Delegates: Sam Pardee reported death record images from 1921-1940 are now available. He told the membership probate files have been received. The Library is now open on Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm. He said new microfilm readers/scanners have been purchased as well as new computers. The Abrams Seminar will be on July 8 and 9.

OLD BUSINESS

Cookbooks – Still available for \$10 each. Proceeds will go to the Save the Newspapers project.

If the Society agrees to participate in Spring Fling and/or Down Home Days, we will need a Chairperson to organize the booth and volunteers to sign up.

Farmer's Markets are usually held between the months of July and October. If the membership decides to staff a booth at the markets, a volunteer(s) would be needed to chair the events.

Diane Bishop will reserve a date for another fundraising A & W Spaghetti Dinner. It should be noted that the fundraisers are being done for the Save The Newspapers Project (years 1970-2000). Currently, visitors are clipping out announcements. The cost to digitize the papers is \$6,000-\$10,000.

President Bishop informed the membership that in May the search for 2016-2017 officers will begin. Please see her if you are interested in a position and/or shadowing anyone currently holding an office.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane Bishop reminded the membership that Mason High School is having an all class reunion in August and has asked the Society to do a cemetery tour. Rod Jewett is working on getting further information and confirming if they still want us to do a tour.

Connie Stewart has agreed to chair another cemetery walk in the spring. Please see her if you are interested in being on the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

The Society Board Meeting will be on April 28, 2016 at Diane Bishop's home (1415 N. Every Road, Mason).

Next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Sam Corey Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. Begin gathering at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Grove Sandrock and seconded by Jim Beckwith. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by

Lora McAdams, Recording Secretary

Isabelle Wells (substituting for Trustee, Jeff Montgomery) and I audited the 2014-2015 Treasurer's books on 2-16 & 23-16. This is the first time the books have had a full audit in approximately 8 years. An uncomplete audit was started in 2014.

For the most part the expenses and earnings were in order. Although several entries had issues that concerned us.

The Society's money is in order. The main source of income at this time is from membership dues. This will change each year. It does have to be watched carefully.

The new money making activities are being done now are for Save the Newspapers. This is to go towards digitizing the remaining Ingham County Newspapers from 1970-2000. They are being vandalized and deteriorating.

The term "**IN THE RED**" in previous reports should never have been used. Some areas of the budget were **OVER BUDGET**. When a group has monies in its Treasury and one area has overspent funds from other areas can be moved to cover the shortage. This does need to be more carefully monitored in the future.

We met with the new Treasurer 3-7-16 and she showed us the way she is recording her books and most of the concerns we found she has already addressed. We are looking forward to her first audit in May and feel it will be much easier to accomplish with her improvements.

Hopefully, Jeff will be available at that time but if he is not I would like Isabelle to fill in again. I learned much from her experience with the society and the reports she makes to the group.