

**Ingham County Genealogical Society  
General Membership Meeting  
April 14, 2016**

The April 14, 2016, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan. There were 37 members in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**PROGRAM:** Diane Bishop introduced Bethany Waterbury whose presentation was on Breaking Down Brick Walls Using DNA.

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the November 12, 2015; February 11, 2016 and March 10, 2016 meetings by Sam Pardee and was seconded by Jim Beckwith. The motion was accepted and passed.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Diane Bishop drew everyone's attention to the Calendar of Events. She specifically pointed out:

- April 16 – Genealogy Seminary will be held at Pinckney Community Public Library. Featured speaker is Katherine R. Willson.
- April 23 – Lansing Family History Seminary – register at website ([www.lansingfhc.org](http://www.lansingfhc.org)).
- May 2 – an informational presentation about methods and techniques for doing oral histories will be given at the Mason Area Historical Society General Meeting.
- July 8-9 – Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar.
- July 15-16 – Midwestern Roots Family History and Genealogy Conference in Indiana.

The picnic will be held on August 4 at Veterans Memorial Park in Holt. Please use the entrance off of Aurelius Road. Please note this is the **first Thursday of August**.

President Bishop offered condolences to members Randy and Julie Carr on the passing of Randy's father.

An e-mail requesting help with researching Melvin Flager of Dansville was received. Diane said that the society will help with the research.

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** In lieu of Kathy Langhals President Bishop reported the Society has an income of \$245 in March (\$94-donations, \$36-fund raiser, \$115-membership dues) and expenses of \$393.17 (\$220.85-shirts, \$4.32-social, \$168-website (note: the Society was double billed in March and will receive a credit)).

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Librarian:** Isabelle Wells reported traffic to the library is up and down. She announced the library now has an assistant, Charles Hagler, who is working with her. Work on organizing the Research Room continues as we are running out of room. All of the 2015 obituaries have been indexed and are on the shelf. Isabelle said obituaries back to 1998 are indexed and there are some after 1998.

**Trustees:** Connie Stewart reported that Kathy Langhals, Treasurer, has made the books available for the April audit and that will be conducted soon.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historian:** Alice Raatz reported that she continues to keep the book up-to-date.

**Merchandise Sales:** Isabelle Wells reported nothing has been sold lately and the bill for the shirts has been paid in full.

**Newsletter:** Cindy Hawkins reported the newsletter is ready to go out.

**Publicity:** Dave Held reported that he now sends an announcement regarding Society meetings to the Sam Corey Senior Center for displaying on the console in the entryway. He also said he continues to look for other places to advertise.

**Publishing:** Nothing to report.

**Social:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**MGC Delegates:** Sam Pardee reported the Michigan History Day will be on April 30 in Bay City.

## **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 help staff.

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 has reserved November 7 for the next fundraising A & W Spaghetti Dinner.

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**

Connie Stewart reported that we are set to do a Cemetery Tour on August 14 for the class reunion. She also confirmed there will be a tour at the Hawley Cemetery in September. She will need volunteers to help and/or participate.

## **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, May 12, 2016 at Sam Corey Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.  
Begin gathering at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jim Beckwith and seconded by Lisa Feury. The motion was accepted and passed at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Lora McAdams, Recording Secretary