

Ingham County Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
February 16, 2017

The February 16, 2017 regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held the Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt, Michigan. There were 30 people in attendance; 28 members and 2 guests.

CALL TO ORDER: President Audrey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sam Pardee led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROGRAM: *They Made Their Mark: Historical Honorees in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame from Ingham County* by Elizabeth Homer.

BUSINESS MEETING: Prior to beginning of the business portion of the meeting Lora McAdams, representing various member of the Executive Board, announced that "since the Executive Board has not met this membership meeting can only be an informal meeting and no motions may be made or nothing voted on." President Martini advised the announcement was out of order and that the meeting was official and motions and votes were allowable.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Ricardo Muniz moved to approve the agenda; Maxine Rose seconded. Agenda was approved as drafted.

MINUTES: Ricardo Muniz moved to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2016 membership meeting. It was seconded by Maxine Rose. The minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Audrey Martini recognized and thanked the evening's volunteers. She commented on several volunteer and educational opportunities available to those who might be interested. She also noted that the Society is now a member of the Historical Society of Michigan and that two representatives of the Society are allowed the reduced "member" rate for workshops offered by the Historical Society of Michigan.

She asked for the membership's interest in working with a disinterested facilitator to develop a 1-3 year strategic plan with action tasks for the Society. An interest was expressed by a show of hands. She and the Vice President will begin looking for a possible facilitator and keep the membership advised of progress.

Vice-President: Ricardo Muniz-No report.

Treasurer: Diane Bishop reported for Kathy Langhals. Income was \$1519. This came mainly from Membership Dues. Expenses totaled \$353.75.

Membership: Lora McAdams reported we currently have 80 members; nine are new members. The passing of Mildred Eldora Spooner 91/ was announced, a card was sent from the society. Isabelle Wells added that Mrs. Spooner joined ICGS in 1997 and continued as a member until her death.

Librarian: Charles Hagler reported that there were ~~39 visitors~~ 28 visitors in January and 26 visitors in February to the library and 11 requests for research assistance. The volunteers continue to work with on-going projects. Volunteer hours are not tracked.

Trustees: Connie Stewart/Jeff Montgomery- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Computer: ~~Red Stewart~~ Rod Jewett-absent no report

Website: Harry Warner -No report.

Facebook: Isabelle Wells – ~~No report~~ Reported that postcards, items of interest for Ingham county and activities from other organizations are being added to the Facebook page.

Social: Phyllis Whidden-No report.

Program: Ricardo Muniz reminded all that the March meeting's guest presenter will be Jessica Trotter and her topic is *Scandalous Ancestors*.

Publicity: David Held reported that he continues to send notices of upcoming meetings to the various newspaper outlets.

Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reported that she will be stepping down as Merchandise chair effective the end of September 2017. We still have 22 cookbooks for sale.

A&W Spaghetti Dinner: This year's Spaghetti dinner is scheduled for November 6, 2017.

Cemetery Tours: Connie Stewart ~~reported~~ commented that a cemetery tour of the Montgomery/Plains Cemetery is ~~being considered~~ had been requested from that group.

Publications: Rod Jewett -Absent -No report.

Newsletter: Cindi Hawkins advised the due date for articles to be included in the next issue of the Newsletter is March 31st.

Historian: Alice Raatz-Absent -No report.

MGC Delegates. Sam Pardee gave a brief update on what is happening with the Michigan Genealogical Council and reminded all of the July 21-22, 2017 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar. He also noted that the 1941 death records are now on www.SeekingMichigan.org .

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about ICGS joining the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Ricardo Muniz made a motion to *Amend the annual budget to include Federation of Genealogical Society membership.* 2nd by Tammy Parsons. Discussion occurred, motion voted on -passed

Audrey Martini asked if there was an interest on the part of the membership to experiment with a Facebook Group – separate from our Facebook page. She advised that the Eaton County Genealogical Society has a group instead of a page as does the Lansing Historical Society. It is possible to have both a page and a group. Audrey talked with the computer committee chair and Rod, indicated pages are good for announcements and events, but groups are better for discussion. After some discussion by a show of hands interest was shown for experimenting with a Facebook group.

Jeff Antaya, a recent new member who also works for the Capital Area District Libraries handed out information and talked about CADL's Annual Family History Open House coming up on March 11th at the South Lansing Branch of CADL. All members were invited to visit.

Audrey Martini announced that 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the United States' entering WWI. Only a few members had ancestors who fought in that War. She asked for ideas on how ICGS might help commemorate the anniversary while at the same time sharing information on members' WWI ancestors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS

The next regularly scheduled society board meeting will be held on April 27, 2017. Location to be determined.

Point of clarification by Connie Stewart asking if the President was aware of the resignations. President Martini stated she was aware of 2 resignations at tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made, seconded and passed at adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

~~Audrey Z. Martini~~—Tammy Parsons
In the absence of the Recording Secretary