



## Ingham County Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting October 12, 2017

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The October 12, 2017 regular membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Audrey Martini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROGRAM:** "Leaving a Legacy" by Lori Fox

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:** President Martini asked if there was a quorum. Beverly Bockes confirmed that there was a quorum. There were 29 members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bill Carr made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim Beckwith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Jim Beckwith made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting. Sam Pardee seconded. The motion passed.

**SWEARING IN OF 2017/2018 OFFICERS:** Kathy Langhals swore in the 2017/2018 Officers of the Ingham County Genealogical Society Executive Board. Audrey Martini, President; Ricardo Muniz (not present), Vice President; Dan Neuman, Treasurer; Jeff Antaya, Recording Secretary; Beverley Bockes, Membership Secretary; Charles Hagler, Librarian; Jane Wallin, Trustee; Jeff Montgomery, Trustee.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Audrey Martini requests members sign the cards for David Held & Clarence Hodges. Audrey gave a health report for both members. Audrey yielded the floor to Maxine. Maxine announced on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Medicare Open Enrollment at the Sam Corey Senior Center starting at 10 am. Audrey reported the executive board meeting will be held at the Sam Corey Senior Center on October 26, from 7-9 pm. Doug Klein, of the Mason Chamber of Commerce, will be at the meeting to talk about working with ICGS to create a strategic plan. Strategic plan consultation is a membership benefit of the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. Audrey reported that she will bring a proposal at a later date to the membership to create a strategic plan.

**Vice President/Program Chairman:** Ricardo Muniz is not present. Audrey Martini reports Ricardo reported to her that he has presenters lined up through September, 2018. The programs are listed under the agenda.

**Treasurer:** Dan Neuman yielded the floor to Kathy Langhals. Kathy gave a final report for the last fiscal year. Total Income was \$2,189 and expenses were \$1,221.90. Membership dues income was \$1,425 and is the largest it has been in a few years. The balance in savings account \$6,934. Out of that, \$1,356.80 is set aside for Save the Newspaper Project. The Capital Equipment Reserve was used to purchase new computer equipment. There is a balance remaining of \$159 in the Capital Equipment Reserve. The Donna Heminger fund is \$605. Balance in checking at the end of September is \$4,812.64

**Membership Secretary:** Beverley Bockes: Beverley reminded members that dues for 2017/18 are due.

**Librarian:** Charles Hagler: Charles reported ICGS received couple a donation from the family of John Castle who donated family materials to the library. Another anonymous donor donated Ancestry books, one on property and land, *Professional Genealogy*, and *Redbook*. The new computer is now running. It does not have internet access yet.

**Trustees:** Jane Wallin & Jeff Montgomery: Nothing to Report

#### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**

##### **Computer/Social Media**

**Web Master:** Harry Warner: Nothing to report

**Facebook:** Jeff Antaya reported 281 likes on Facebook page and 18 members on the Ingham County, Michigan, Genealogy Facebook group.

**Program:** Ricardo Muniz: Nothing to report, not in attendance.

**Social:** Requests ideas for the holiday meeting. Discussion was held on whether to reinstate 10 minute break in between the program and the business meeting. It was agreed a motion was not needed to reinstate the break and that the group should reinstate the break.

**Publicity:** David Held: Nothing to report, not in attendance

##### **Fund-Raising:** Vacant

**A&W Spaghetti Dinner in Mason, November 6, 2017:** Diane Bishop Spaghetti dinner is set up to raise money to digitize the old newspapers. The price is \$5.98. If they sell 50 meals the society gets a bonus. The A&W sold 51 meals last year. There was a question and discussion about the availability of flyers.

**Publications:** Rob Jewett: Nothing to report. Not in attendance. Barb Bridges asked the question if the Newspapers are going to be digitized before the price goes up. Audrey, reports there is going to be a report and a recommendation at the Board meeting on October 26, 2017.

**Newsletter:** Martha Marshall: Newsletter is completed. Audrey Martini reported the next deadline for articles is due December 15<sup>th</sup> and that they need articles.

**Historian:** Alice Raatz: The history book is up to date, complete with pictures from the picnic. Alice puts the book on the table at each meeting.

**Michigan Genealogical Council:** Sam Pardee & Tammy Parsons

Sam: Reminder that next Saturday is the Fall Genealogical Event at the Michigan Historical Center. Pamela Sayer and Richard Sayer are featured speakers. You get a \$10 discount if you turn in your registration by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The last meeting at the Monroe History was a great program and hosted at a Museum. The speaker was a historian on the battles at Raisin River. The next meeting for Michigan Genealogical Council is meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Audrey Martini received a letter from the President of the MGC saying that New York is considering restricting the access of vital records. Audrey reminded the group to send an original letter in support to New York before October 25, 2017.

**Federation of Genealogical Societies:** Vacant, Audrey Martini reported next year's meeting is going to be held in Fort Wayne,

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Update on John Castle:** Charles Hagler provided an update of John Castle. John is moving down to Indianapolis to live with family.

**Transportation Picture Request:** Cathy Carr requested if anyone has any pictures of your ancestors in a wagon or transportation related pass them along to Cathy Carr so the membership committee can include them into a new theme for a membership brochure, letter heads, and business cards. Audrey Martini reported that a graphic artist is going to be at the Board meeting to discuss the branding of the society.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENTS:**

Bill Car made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Audrey Martini adjourned the Meeting with an Announcement that there is 30 minutes available to network.

Respectively Submitted by  
Jeff Antaya, Recording Secretary

Approved by Membership