



Ingham County Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting November 9, 2017

The November 09, 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 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Beckwith led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROGRAM: "A New Look at Brick Walls: The Genealogy N.I.N.J.A. with Dan Earl.

BUSINESS MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM: President Martini asked if there was a quorum. Beverly Bockes confirmed that there was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sheila Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Beckwith made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting with an amendment that "John Tassle" be changed to "John Castle" and "Kathy Langholm" be changed to Kathy Langhals. Bill Carr seconded. The motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Audrey Martini: Audrey informed the membership that Clarence Hodges passed way a few weeks ago. ICGS sent a card to the family of Clarence Hodges. Audrey reported that she and Alice reviewed the deceased members policy. There is no procedure in the policy to notify members by email or other means in the event of a member passing. Audrey suggested the policy be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Vice President/Program Chairman, Ricardo Muniz: Ricardo recognized Gary R. Wilkes. Mr. Wilkes will be presenting *Legacy of Black Loyalists* at the February 8, 2018, ICGS membership meeting. Charles Hagler noticed for the last two speakers there hasn't been a newspaper listing for speakers' presentation. Audrey understands that David Held does submit listings to the newspaper, but the newspaper publisher not been putting the listing in the newspaper. It is at the discretion of the newspaper to publish the listing because the listing is not a paid advertisement.

Treasurer, Dan Neuman:

- Dan presented the final proposed Ingham County Genealogical Society 2017-2018 Budget. Dan noted some changes to the previous draft. He reported the executive board approved an increase in the budget for speakers' fees. In responding to questions, Dan noted that this budget documents the income and expenses for the upcoming year. It does not reflect the current balances of ICGS. Dan will provide a balance sheet and the budget at the next meeting.

Barb Bridges made a motion to approve the Ingham County Genealogical Society 2017-2018 Budget. Jim Beckwith seconded. The motion carried.

- Bank Authorization Resolution. Connie Stewart noted that at an executive board meeting it was voted to change the bank of ICGS. She noted that it has yet to be voted on by the membership. Audrey reports that Dan is reevaluating this proposal and will bring it back to the executive board to address it. Connie also expressed concerns that the treasurer is not yet authorized to sign checks for ICGS.

Membership Secretary, Beverley Bockes:

- Beverley reported she sent out e-mail reminders to everyone who has not paid dues. She is still open to receiving dues for 2017-2018.
- Beverley sent a card to Shirley Hodges.
- Beverley also reported she is in the process of gathering information to give to Jane for the audit. She is trying locate the receipt books. There was a discussion to as to where the receipt books may be. Audrey suggested to double check the ICGS library to locate them.
- Beverley introduced, Sandra, who is a new member of the society.

Librarian, Charles Hagler: Nothing to report.

Trustees, Jane Wallin & Jeff Montgomery: Jane & Jeff had nothing to report. Audrey reported on the behalf of Jane that Jane is still collecting items for the audit. Jane is still in the process of gathering items from Beverly and Jeff.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:

Computer/Social Media

Web Master: Harry Warner- Nothing to report

Facebook: Jeff Antaya- Noting to report.

Program: Ricardo Muniz- Ricardo reported that we are going to have a program in March by Cathy Cottone to talk about the 10 ten Irish websites.

Social: Lorie Neuman- Lorie reported she has a signup sheet going around the meeting for the Christmas potluck. The potluck is on the 14th. She suggested that we

start arriving at 6:30 pm and then have dinner at 7:00 pm, then possibly a game.

Publicity: David Held- There was no report. David was not in attendance.

Fund-Raising: Vacant

A&W Spaghetti Dinner in Mason, November 6, 2017: Diane Bishop- Not was not attendance

Publications: Vacant.

Newsletter: Martha Marshall and Shelia Truman- Martha gave reminder that they need newsletter articles or suggestions for articles by December 15th.

Michigan Genealogical Council: Sam Pardee & Tammy Parsons

- Sam reported they had a great speaker today, Geneva Wiskemann. She devised a group called the Michigan Oral History Association. The library is under construction and should be back to normal by next Friday.
- The State of Michigan has made a change on documents that must be sent to the State Records. Probate records are now being sent sooner to the Archives of Michigan. The Archives of Michigan is still working on the naturalization project. It is just over 10 percent done.
- At the National Genealogical Society Conference, on Wednesday evening, May 2, there is going to be an event for the vendors.
- Sam reported that Connie sent him a sheet that needs to be added to the computer system at State of Michigan for Agent Officers for Non-Profit Organizations. There was a discussion as to whether Sam should continue to be the Agent for ICGS. Sam reported that they are going to start to take payment by credit card. Audrey responded that she needs to do some investigation on this issue.

Federation of Genealogical Societies: Audrey Martini- Audrey reported the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be updating their webpage so more than one person from a genealogical society can have access to it. As soon as it is updated, Audrey reported that she will give the information to other officers that would like access to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audrey reported there was a presentation at the October Executive Board Meeting by Doug Klein, Executive Director of the Mason Chamber of Commerce. Doug has volunteered to facilitate developing a strategic plan for the genealogical society. Because the society is a member of the Mason Chamber of Commerce, this is would be done free of cost.

Beverly Bockes made a motion to proceed with developing a strategic plan for the Ingham County Genealogical Society using the free services of Doug Klein offered through the Ingham County Genealogical Society's membership in Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. Martha Marshal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Booth at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Grand Rapids:

Jeff Antaya reported that the National Genealogical Society is offering genealogical societies the opportunity to have a booth in the vendor area of the conference for \$250 for the entire conference. The booth would be for ICGS to market itself to potential new members and to network with other genealogical organizations and societies. Jeff sought feedback about whether ICGS should pursue this opportunity. Sam Pardee reported that the Michigan Genealogical Council will have a booth promoting all societies in the state. Jeff received many questions that he will investigate and report back to the society at a future meeting.

Strategic Plan: Audrey asked members to fill out and turn in a sheet detailing what members think the assets of ICGS are. This should help identify potential assets of ICGS and help develop the strategic plan. Audrey sought feedback as to what Saturday in December would work well for members to have a strategic planning meeting. She will send an e-mail to members to get feedback on potential Saturdays in December to meet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENTS:

Bill Car made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Beckwith seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Audrey Martini at 9:03 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by
Jeff Antaya, Recording Secretary

Approved by Membership