

BIGWILL BOARD MEETING – 18 November 2006

Meeting called to order at 8:50 AM by President Peggy Gleich. Present: Peggy Gleich, Maureen Brady, Susan Sincere, Kathy Brady-Blake, Margaret Zook

Location and costs for the 29 September 2007 Conference featuring Sherry Irvine were discussed at length. Tentative location is the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center in Rockford. Anticipated attendance used to calculate costs is 150. Their proposed cost is \$1,000 if we do not include lunches; or \$800 for meeting rooms if we also book lunches at \$10 per person. Function space rental would include registration area, modest exhibit space (2 tables), and meeting room. Room rate is \$119. Resort includes a Waterpark which is included in the room rate. Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2006. \*DECISION REQUIRED. Speaker cost of \$750, plus air fare was discussed. Suggested conference fee of \$30 members/\$35 non-members, or similar was initially figured. Vendor presence such as Storbecks or Origins was recommended, with UK materials only.

IGS membership expires at the end of the month and has already been paid.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in the upstairs conference room at the Nippersink Library; 10 AM. It is open for all members.

Elections will be held at the November meeting. Roger Higgs has agreed to run for Second Vice President; Margaret Zook has agreed to run for Secretary; and Maureen Brady has agreed to run for Director.

Susan Sincere presented her written resignation as Board Member and Library Committee Chair effective 12/31/2006. She has agreed to continue as “bad weather” contact; and will continue to help with coding the html on book reviews for Rollie Littlewood. Susan will turn her work over on the Policy & Procedure Manual before she leaves. She will be available to help make an easy transition to the next Librarian.

January meeting format will feature 4 round table topics – possibly England, Ireland, Scotland, perhaps Canada, with either a geographical or topical focus. To be refined.

A financial report for the year to date (1 Jan - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006) was distributed and discussed. Income vs. Expense figures show a current small deficit, with three months left of the year. Dues are now due.

A new book order was discussed. It was agreed to order “County Longford – Residents Prior to Famine” by Guy A. Rymiza.

Magazines for which BIGWILL has subscriptions are always sent by surface mail rate, routed to the P. O. Box, brought to meetings, then taken to the Library for shelving.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.