BIGWILL Retreat

 July 29, 2017

The meeting began at 10:01

New Business

Publicity

There was a discussion about publicity for the group. Al submitted a copy of the new welcome letter he developed.

Marge moved that we use the draft letter that Al developed.

Dick seconded the motion.

Roger called the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Al updated the BIGWILL brochure and Maureen passed out a copy of the Green County Genealogical Society brochure. Maureen will work on a new brochure that includes meeting information. The new brochure will be presented at the November meeting.

There was discussion about sending information about BIGWILL to Illinois libraries, and the Northwest Herald, and to contact local papers in Racine, Janesville, and Walworth.

There was discussion about setting up a BIGWILL table at conferences at county genealogical conferences in Lake and McHenry counties, and at the Illinois State Genealogical Society Conference, with members of the board manning the table during the conferences.

Marge proposed that BIGWILL spend $100.00 for a tri-fold background board and other expenses.

Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The McHenry Public Library would be interested in passing out BIGWILL brochures, and would be interested in hosting a BIGWILL meeting to show off the new space in the library.

Website search

BIGWILL spends $15.00 per year so users can type in BIGWILL.org and see the webpage. The search for a new website is in progress.

Newsletter

Maureen is trying to get a newsletter out this month, and will also do the November newsletter.

Al volunteered to take over editing the newsletter after the November elections.

Roger moved that the board accept Al's offer the edit the newsletter.

Dick seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Roger moved that the library and the nine members who have paid for a printed newsletter receive a one year credit on the cost of the newsletter because the newsletter was not available for several months this year.

Marge seconded the proposal.

The proposal passed unanimously.

New Business

Nominating Committee

There was discussion about forming a nomination committee.

Roger will chair the committee. Dick and Fran will be members of the committee.

Microfilms

There was discussion about Salt Lake City microfilms. The microfilms are now online. Some are available at home, others can be viewed at a Family History Center, other microfilms are only available to Latter-day Saints members.

Refreshments

Dave and Prudy will both be able to manage refreshments for the September meeting. Maureen volunteered to pick up the materials and help provide refreshments for the meeting.

Budget

Dick presented a 2017 Budget Forecast Worksheet.

Roger moved that the budget forecast and worksheet be accepted.

Marge seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45

Lunch

The meeting resumed at 1:40

Meeting Location

Rollie discussed some problems with the projection system and sound at the church.

There was discussion about speakers providing their own equipment, and about asking members if they would like to make a contribution towards purchasing equipment for BIGWILL.

Speakers

Prudy and Marge suggested that the board ask members for their suggestions for speakers for the coming year.

The board reviewed speakers as a back-up in case there were no suggestions at the September meeting.

The back-up speakers are:

January 20: A webinar. Colonial Immigration

March 17: Maureen will present a program on Irish Resources

May 19: A double session. Thomas MacEntee will present a program on Internet Archives and a program on After You're Gone.

July 21: Dan Hubbard will present a program on When A Life Becomes Myth.

September 15: Debra Dudek will present a program on Discovering Your UK/Irish Roots Online.

November 17: Marsha Peterson Maass will present a program on Medical Genealogy.

If one of the speakers is not available, the board will ask [Amie Bowser Tennant](#) to present a program on Trolling Virtual Cemeteries and Using Cemetery Records.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.