

## BIGWILL MEETING MINUTES -- 19 July 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Roger Higgs. Following the Pledge of Allegiance a guest from Racine WI was welcomed, and the following announcements were made:

- The position of Historian is still open; if anyone is interested in filling this position please contact any Board member.
- There are sheets on each table encouraging sign up to pen an article for the newsletter; and for prospective members you may know who share your interest in British research.
- Upcoming events include the Illinois State Genealogical conference in Elgin on October 18<sup>th</sup>; the FGS Conference in Philadelphia on September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; and a one day seminar for all levels on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo Grove, IL co-sponsored by the Buffalo Grove and Crystal Lake Family History Centers. Cost of \$10 includes syllabus and lunch.

Refreshments Chair Prudy Sullivan thanked Marylou Tatum, Susan Sincere, and several other members for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Volunteers needed for our next meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>.

A Get Well card was circulated for Rick Dexter who recently suffered a stroke. He is recovering at home and is now involved in rehabilitative therapy. He recently had volunteered to assume the duties of Treasurer for the balance of Jackie Torrance's term. We wish him well and hope to see him in person soon.

Secretary's minutes of the May meeting as distributed at each table were accepted on a motion by Pat McLeod, seconded by ??? Lucas.

Treasurer's report - Given by Roger Higgs; Rick was recently hospitalized. Documentation was transferred to Rick on June 11<sup>th</sup>; Roger and Rick are current signatories on our bank accounts.

Library report - The collection is now shelved at McHenry Library. A motion was made by Kathy Brady-Blake, seconded by Karen Morrison committing to an Open House to be held in conjunction with the McHenry County Genealogical society at the Library. Motion passed. Potential date: September 20<sup>th</sup> after our meeting.

A motion was made by Margaret Zook, seconded by Mary Robinson and Kathy Brady-Blake to accept Karen Glass as Newsletter editor, effective immediately. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maureen Brady, seconded by Mary Robinson to appoint Rich Dexter as interim Treasurer completing Jackie Torrance's term. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker Craig Pfannkuche was introduced. His slide presentation on Cemetery Headstone Interpretation was very well received, and included examples and stories from many local area cemeteries. His thought provoking comments on the deterioration and loss of old stones; the invaluable information the stones themselves contain, as well as the associated cemetery records; and the need for preservation by transcription and photography generated several member questions and a renewed sense of purpose on the part of several members who have explored this aspect of their family history.

