

Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting July 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Brady at 10:00 with 25 members present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

Membership: Al Munn reported no new members or guests were present.

Treasurer: Dick Gilbert reported we currently have a balance of \$1355 in the bank account. More detail will be discussed at the business meeting on July 23, 2016.

Programs: Tina Beaird will be the presenter at the September meeting. Maureen will do an overview of Scottish records at the November meeting.

Webmaster: Rollie Littlewood had nothing to report.

Refreshments: Prudy Sullivan thanked those that brought refreshments to the meeting. Next meeting will be September 17, 2016.

Newsletter – Karen had nothing to report.

Library: Arlyn Booth reported that she received a list of the books available at the McHenry Public Library from Tom Hillier. She did a comparison of the old list that's available on the BIGWILL website and found there were a lot of differences. This is a work in progress as she works to resolve the discrepancies.

Announcements: Maureen announced that former member and BIGWILL librarian Susan Sincere passed away this past week. A card was passed around during the meeting for members to sign.

Upcoming Conferences include the following:

- Celtic Connection conference, Minneapolis, MN – a 2 day event, August 5-6, 2016.
- FGS in Springfield, IL – National Conference, August 31 – September 3, 2016
- Tri-county Regional Genealogy Fair – September 17, 2016
- David McDonald will present an all-day seminar – October
- WI State Fall Seminar – Oconomowoc, WI – October 8, 2016
- British Institute in Salt Lake City, UT – October 10-14, 2016
- Scottish Home, North Riverside, Maureen Brady is holding 2 sessions on October 29, 2016
- NGS sent the flyer for the May 2017 conference.

Old Business:

Board will meet on Saturday July 23, 2016 to discuss the programs for 2017. Maureen asked that anyone send an email to her or any board members if you have any feedback on upcoming programs.

Need someone to be on the nominating committee in November for the upcoming elections for next year.

New Business:

After a short break, Maureen introduced Robin Seidenberg who spoke on "Skeletons in our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal"

The meeting was turned back over to Maureen Brady and adjourned at 11:30 am.

There was no Board Meeting after the general meeting.

Submitted by:
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Secretary