

## BIGWILL MINUTES -- 21 March 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting guests from River Forest, Crystal Lake, South Milwaukee, Racine, and Union Grove, WI introduced themselves and spoke on their areas of research.

Sandi Michaels has agreed to take the position as Historian for BIGWill. She will work with the Secretary and any other members with information and photos of prior years.

Liability Insurance is required by the Church. Insurance coverage will continue.

Fran Luby will donate a file cabinet to BIGWILL for use at the McHenry Library to house our permanent records and items we do not wish left on open shelving, such as past issues of the newsletter.

Distribution of newsletter is done by e-mail now, primarily; some members do still prefer to receive the snail mail version and pay a slight additional fee.

Board Meeting will follow the regular meeting, and is held at Heuer's Restaurant.

Roger Higgs and Rollie Littlewood will be attending Gene-A-Rama.

Other meetings: Workshop with Photo Detective Maureen Taylor will be held at Newberry Library on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Rollie will be attending NGS in Raleigh, NC May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Check the website to see the regular listing of many upcoming meetings. Of general interest: the annual Highland Scottish Games are being held June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Brook Polo grounds; there are additional activities Friday evening. Scottish bands, dancing, athletic events, and food are featured; a genealogy booth is open all day Saturday.

Secretary's Report as distributed was accepted on a motion made by Karen Glass, seconded by Kathy Brady Blake. Printed meeting minutes will be published on the website, rather than in the newsletter from now on. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer : Rick and Dave Dexter are traveling in England doing genealogical research.

Membership – Nancy announced we now have 111 members; with 16 left unpaid.

Refreshment -- Prudy thanked Fran Luby and Fran Higgs for this meeting; sign up sheet for volunteers for the May meeting was circulated.

Library -- Maureen highlighted the many new additions recently donated to the Library. The list and highlights are published in the newsletter, along with our "standard" subscriptions and additions.

Newsletter – Karen Glass thanked all those who have sent contributions, and encouraged everyone to send her bits and pieces, or full articles for future issues.

Website – Rollie Littlewood is our webmaster, and keeps it updated and accurate. If you have questions, encounter difficulties, or wish to comment, contact Rollie. Utilize our website, follow up on the links, and provide constructive commentary and/or suggestions.

Historian -- Sandi has accepted the challenge of “BIGWILL – the First 20 Years”. She is seeking submissions, and assistance!

The website is not currently listed as a Committee in our By-Laws. A motion was made by Zoe Mather, seconded by Karen Glass to include the website, under the heading “Internet” as an all-inclusive term for electronic activity.

MAY MEETING SPEAKER -- Maureen Brady will speak on Cyndi’s List as it relates to British interest Genealogy.