

BIGWILL Meeting Notes – 16 May 2009

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM at the Memorial Hall in Richmond, due to an activity conflict at the church. There were 31 in attendance, including 6 guests.

Insurance is required by the Church; a better deal has been identified and is being compared with current coverage.

File cabinet has been donated by Fran Luby for use at the McHenry Library for our permanent files. She dropped it off on the way to the meeting.

Our BIGWILL Newsletter won the Honorable Mention national FGS award for a Small Size Group newsletter. Rollie Littlewood accepted the award on our behalf at the FGS National Conference in Raleigh, NC on May 13th.

Our financial records have been audited by Pat Fellner and were found to be in good order.

It was agreed the Secretary notes of each meeting will be distributed at the next meeting, and published on our website. They will not be printed in the newsletter any longer. Motion made by Rick Dexter, seconded by Karen Glass - approved.

Treasurer's Report – Rick stated we have \$2,338.79 in the treasury; all bills are current.

Committees: Membership – Nancy Holder – we now have 101 paid members as of this meeting.

Refreshments -- Thanks to Pat Feltner for the chocolate kringle; whoever slipped the mini-muffins in, and Sharon Worm who brought beverages. Refreshments were limited due to hall restrictions.

Library – Margaret/Maureen -- A file cabinet has been donated and delivered to the library. THANK YOU!! (Margaret's living room especially thanks you, Fran.) A donation of four volumes of indexes to the Obituaries and Death Notices in the 'Dziennik Chicagoski' covering the period 1900-1929 have been received from the Lake County Genealogical Society.

Newsletter – Thanks were extended to Dave Dexter and Karen Glass for their past and present efforts on our award winning newsletter. Articles are being sought on your connection stories – perhaps a relation who is noteworthy (for good or ill!!) that you discovered in your research; or the story of how/why your relative(s) ended up settling where they did, or why they left their original country. Was someone a great cook, who left you a favorite recipe? Who was it, and what's the recipe?

Future plans: A pot luck social has been suggested for after the September meeting. Members could bring a dish to pass, and the recipe if it's a favorite or been handed down in your family.

Next meeting – July 18th -- Speaker Mike Karsen on Writing Your Family History Now.

Guest Speaker Maureen Brady shared her extensive knowledge of Family Search, Cyndi's List, and using the internet.

