

20 NOV 2010 - BIGWILL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by President Roger Higgs. Pledge of Allegiance. Guests from Naperville and Rockford identified themselves. 2011 Dues are due - \$15 charter, \$20 electronic newsletter, \$29 Postal newsletter, which covers actual cost of printing/postage. Thanks to Sandee Michaels for assistance with registration and dues collection before start of meeting. Judy Knoblock will replace Nancy Holder as the Membership Chair at the January 15, 2011 meeting. The national FGS Conference will be held in Springfield, IL September 7-10, 2011; 13 members have indicated interest in assisting ISGS at the conference. Names have been submitted to Carole McCarty, with a request for more specific information on times and needs. Additional volunteers are welcome. Roger thanked the 2010 Board for their assistance.

Secretary's minutes will be available on the BIGWILL Website. Treasurer's Report indicates we have \$1,471.36 in the bank, with significant additional funds collected as dues at start of meeting today. Prudy Sullivan requested volunteers to bring refreshments for the January meeting; and thanked the members who brought baked goods and juices today. Historian Sandee Michaels indicated the indexing of our past Newsletters is progressing well. The Library group thanked member Margaret Wilton for her donation of two CD's – Kelly's Directory of Essex 1908, and Bagshauss' History, Gazeteer and Directory of the County of Kent. All donations to our Library collection are appreciated, and housed at the McHenry Public Library. Newsletter editor Karen Glass thanked recent contributors, and again asked members to submit any bits they notice of interest to us from journals and newsletters of other genealogical groups, especially any members who hold membership in groups in the British Isles. News of new collections available, articles, etc. are always of interest and can be posted in our newsletter.

Old Business: A MOTION to approve minor By-Law changes as distributed, and read at previous meeting was made by Karen Glass, seconded by Bobbie Briggs and Bob Kelly. Motion APPROVED. The Internet is added as a Standing Committee; the Immediate Past President is an ex-officio member of the Board; the Board shall appoint the chair of the Nominating Committee.

New Business: Nominating Committee proposed slate for 4 open offices / two year terms. Second Vice President – Maureen Brady; Secretary – Susan Curtis; Board Member – Linda Robertson; Board Member – Margaret Zook. There were no additional nominations from the floor. MOTION to accept the slate as presented was made by Margaret Zook, seconded by Jon Beyer. Motion APPROVED. Board takes office at January 2011 meeting.

Dick Ammann, retired archivist, Racine Heritage Museum was introduced for his presentation on "Migration to the Upper Midwest".

Next meeting – January 15, 2011; Panel of experts on "Brickwalls" – Question & Answer format.