

Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting November 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Munn at 10:00 with 24 members present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

No old business remained from September.

Treasurer: Dick Gilbert reported that there's really nothing new at this time. He reminded everyone that the 2015 membership dues are currently being collected. He stated that the bank account currently has a balance of \$889.80.

Webmaster: Rollie Littlewood reported that he recently set-up a function on the BIGWILL website home page for online payment of dues via PAYPAL.

Nominations: Al Munn discussed the open Board positions for 2015 and nominees.

- 2nd VP Program position is open. No one at the meeting volunteered.
- Secretary: Arlene Basten has accepted the nomination of Secretary.
- Director: Margaret Zook has opted to fill the open position of Director. She formerly filled the now open 2nd VP Program position.

Motion was made by John Bierlin to vote today for the positions that we have people for, and wait until January meeting when more people are present to get nominations and then vote on the remaining open positions. This was 2nd by Margaret Zook. Motion passed.

Both Margaret Zook and Arlene Basten were elected to the above positions for 2015.

Newsletter – Karen Glass: asked for old valentines in digital image and story about it for the upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Announcements:

1. Ann Wells announced the 2015 Summer Conference being presented by the McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society. Ann also passed out a handout listing the speakers and topics for the event.
2. The 2015 program for NGS conference has just come out. Rollie will post this on the website next week. He also extended the invitation to have someone room with him since the conference hotel rooms have sold out.

After the announcements, Al Munn introduced Ann Wells who gave a presentation on "Copyright, Terms and Conditions and Citing Sources" that covered:

- Copyright whatever you create will be protected.
- The history of copyright.

- Why it's important to read and understand the Terms and Conditions of websites and sources that are used.
- When in doubt always ask the owner of the book, article or photo, etc. for permission to use the item.
- Remember to cite your sources and always give credit to the original source.
- Take advantage of templates and guidelines offered by genealogy programs for citing sources.

The meeting was turned back over to Al Munn and adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by:
Arlene Basten
Secretary