

## **Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting November 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Brady at 10:00 with 35 members/guests present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

**Membership:** Al Munn reported we had 2 guests who also became members. Donna Morris from Oak Park, IL, Steve Morton from Skokie, IL and Judith Schultz from Burlington, WI.

**Treasurer:** Dick Gilbert reported that 657.00 as of the last statement. Funds should increase during membership renewal.

**Programs:** Maureen thanked the board for a productive retreat at Roger's house. All programs have been set for the upcoming year.

**Webmaster:** Rollie Littlewood sent out the newsletter and has enabled the website to accept membership dues payment. There is currently a problem with people overpaying their dues by hitting the payment button multiple times. Members may contact BIGWILL for a refund.

**Refreshments:** Prudy Sullivan thanked those that brought refreshments to the meeting.

**Newsletter** – Karen Glass: needs articles for newsletter. There are suggestions in last months' edition. She is also looking for articles from anyone who either had a criminal in their family or a policeman who caught a criminal.

**Library:** Marge Zook is still currently filling the Librarian position at the McHenry Library. No new information. We are still looking for someone in the area to take this position on since Marge is moving further away from the area.

### **Announcements:**

1. MCIGS July 9, 2016 Summer Conference will be held at McHenry County College.
2. Lake County IL Genealogical society conference on November 21, 2015.
3. Roots Tech Feb 3 – 6, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT.
4. Ulster Historical Foundation will be in the Chicago area March 15, 2016 and at Fountaindale Library in Bolingbrook, IL on March 16, 2016. This is open to the public.

5. Ontario Genealogical meeting in June 2016 in Toronto.
6. MCIGS monthly programs thru July 2016.

**Old Business:**

1. November is time for election of officers. Marge and Dick and Arlyn Booth volunteered to be on the election committee.
2. Slate: President – Maureen Brady, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership – Al Munn, Dick Gilbert for Treasurer and Dave Sullivan for Director. All were elected unanimously during the general meeting.
3. Two directorship vacancies will be up for reelection or nomination in 2016.
4. A Librarian is also needed. Hopefully someone who lives near Mchenry will volunteer for this position.

**New Business:** None

After the announcements, Marge Zook introduced the program on “Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted” presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG.

The meeting was turned back over to Maureen Brady and adjourned at 12:20 pm.

There was no Board Meeting after the general meeting. However,

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Secretary