

## **BIGWILL BOARD MEETING 3/21/2015**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Brady, Al Munn, Marge Zook, Dick Gilbert, Arlene Basten, Roger Higgs, Rollie Littlewood,

Maureen called the meeting to order at 12:43 pm at Dilar's Restaurant.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 2015 Budget

Maureen asked if we really need to do a budget this year. Dick said no because we're at the same position we were at this time last year. Maureen suggested we wait until August to see where we're at. Maureen also asked if Prudy Sullivan submits for reimbursement for her postage. Dick confirmed that she does.

#### Programs:

Maureen has been trying to contact Jeanne Bloome in regard to getting her signed up as a speaker. However she has not been responding to her emails. It was also mentioned that Ms. Bloome could be a major cost as a speaker. At the moment we have no idea how much she charges. Maureen asked if Ms. Bloome requires a fee of \$500+, can we afford this? Dick thinks that \$500 is an excessive amount for a speaker to charge for our organization. However, if we use purchased DVD webinars (which only cost \$13 each) we could afford this. Dick asked if she has any local speaking engagements that we could attend to help decide if asking her would be worth the cost. None were known of. Maureen will continue to try and reach Ms. Bloome and report back later.

Ideas for the July, September and November programs included:

- Debra Dudek – Victorian Burial customs
- Jeanne Bloom – if she's affordable
- Dan Kane – An Irish topic to be determined.

#### McHenry County Gen Society summer conference:

Maureen asked if we thought it would be a good idea to have a table at the MCIGS 2015 July Conference at MCC in Crystal Lake. She explained the cost and the materials needed for the event were discussed. Maureen sees a lot of benefit to attending this and offered to represent BIGWILL at the table during the morning. Dick volunteered to man the table in the afternoon. Prudy asked if we've done this before. After some discussion, Dick made a motion that we take the offer of a free table and use the opportunity to be represented at the conference. Marge Zook 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Board email list of preferred email addresses. Only one in question was Karen's which was resolved so Maureen can create a group email.

Summer retreat:

The date for annual retreat is August 15, 2015 at the Higgs residence. Tentatively - Donuts and coffee at 9 am. Meeting to start at 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at the latest.

Review of BIGWILL Books:

Dick needs board approval to ask Fran Higgs to review the books for BIGWILL. Rollie made a motion to have her review the books. Al Munn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Open Director Position: Marge made a motion to accept Dave Sullivan as a Director to fill Al Munns 2015 term. Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Thank you, Dave, for volunteering

There was a discussion of the vacant 1st VP position. Maureen suggested that we should get someone on board prior to the August retreat meeting. She also suggested we look at the membership list to identify a person(s) to fill this position and she will contact them to see if they'll do it. It was also suggested that Roger Higgs ask members to find someone to fill this vacancy.

Thomas McEntee Webinar – Maureen asked if we should do it again. Dick suggested we do it every January because of the weather factor. It would also free up funds to be available for better/higher priced speakers and it would also provide a topic as a back-up in the event that a speaker is unable to show up.

Past President Position:

Rollie asked if he should designate the Past President position on the website as vacant since Sandee is going to be out of town and would not be able to attend meetings. It was decided that this should be done.

Minutes submitted by:

Arlene Basten  
Secretary