

BIGWILL

Minutes to Board Meeting 17 May 2003
Nippersink Library, Richmond, IL

Present: Ann Wells, Margaret Kurzynski, Peggy Gleich, Prudy Sullivan, Karen Morrison and Jackie Torrance. Susan Sincere attended as a non-board member.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Corrections to previous minutes Beth should be Bev. Jerry should be Gerry.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Margaret Kurzynski reported the sum of \$2,452.69 in the treasury as of the date of this meeting. It was noted that some members have not paid their dues for this year. There was a discussion about individuals and their situations regarding the payment of dues. It was reported that there is still an outstanding bill in the amount of \$35.78.

PROGRAM REPORT

Peggy Gleich gave the following report on the status of future programs

1. July - A verbal confirmation with Kathleen Picken for the July meeting
2. September – Rick Weber of the ARC at University of Wisconsin –Parkside in Kenosha to speak on the Area Research Centers of the University of Wisconsin System and how they assist in our research
3. November – Paul Milner on English Probate Records
4. January, 2004 – Family History Displays. Each person can make a display of their materials, share a story and tell what they have

LIBRARY REPORT

It was reported that there was a meeting with the Nippersink Library librarian concerning the location of our collection. We also want to have an index of the collection which will include the names of donors. This index will be distributed to the membership when finished.

Books are to be located in one place and 'GEN' noted on the spine of the books so that shelveers can identify books in our collection and shelve accordingly.

There was a discussion of the numbers of syllibi acquired from various workshops and conferences over the years. They are to be weeded out and old ones permanently removed to leave one of the most current ones for use.

There was a discussion concerning who should be permitted to check out books in our collection. It was decided that anyone who is a member of the Nippersink Library should have access and checkout privileges to our collection. Those books not available for circulation will be identified by "reference only" or "call only". Nippersink Library allows for the books to be circulating. They make the decision on who can check them out. Margaret Kurzynski is making a donation of Ancestry CDs on English and Scottish research up to the cost of \$140.00 in memory of her husband.

PROGRAMS

A discussion for the fall presentation with David W. Webster was brought up. It was noted that he would only be available if ISBGFH has a program for Scotland. He will know definitely by early August. The presentation is to be on the Saturday before the ISBGFH Institute in October. BIGWILL and the Scottish Genealogy Group of the IL St. Andrew Society have agreed to hold a joint program in Heritage Hall at The Scottish Home, 28th and Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside, IL. The space is available and free.

A motion was made to check on the cost and availability of the facility and the cost of the speaker. Publicity must be in place by August 1, 2003. The motion was moved and seconded to go forward with these details. Motion carried.

NEWSLETTER

A discussion was held concerning the feasibility of sending the BIGWILL newsletter as e-mail to those who have access to a computer in order to reduce to cost of regular mailings. Rollie Littlewood is to send an e-mail inquiry to all those who have access requesting their preferences.

HISTORIAN

Peggy Gleich recommended Marilyn McNeil, who is also the Sunshine chairperson, for the position of BIGWILL historian. A notice should be put into the newsletter for organizing the collection of materials.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sherry Irvine is open to a half day or whole day program in 2004. The Delavan Inlet is a suggested place for a conference.
2. We need a replacement for Jim Hopkins who has resigned due to too many commitments. Dan Kane was suggested as willing to serve on the board. It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
3. Recognition of service certificates was discussed and agreed upon. The program is to begin with January, 2003 retiring members and include the Hopkins and then all board members. The logistics will be that Peggy Gleich will send the names to Jackie Torrance who will create the certificates and then mail them to Ann Wells for distribution. The certificate will note recognition of volunteer time and skills, job title, and thanks for help. All are to be mentioned in the newsletter as well.
4. Collection additions – Family Tree Magazine subscription is to be added to the library collection. Joanne Harvey is the contact for Family Tree Magazine. A subscription to Ancestry.com was a suggested subscription. The Nippersink librarian will look into the setup. The cost should be approximately \$400.00. The motion was made, seconded and approved.
5. A suggestion was made of the possibility of a half-day once a quarter for one person to answer genealogy questions at the Nippersink Library. Tabled for further discussion.

6. Processing of library materials. All books/materials are to be given to Susan Sincere for acquisition processing. Susan will give the items to the Nippersink Library for processing. BIGWILL will suggest an agreement with the Nippersink Library that a 90 day notice on the part of either party must be given in the event that either BIGWILL or the Nippersink Library wishes the BIGWILL collection moved.
7. Margaret Kurzynski reported that her computer has been down and that she hasn't worked with the Peach Tree computer program as much as she would like.
8. Prudy Sullivan gave notice that after 10 June 2003 her e-mail address will be dave.Sullivan@Kennametal.com.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.