

16 January 2010 Meeting Minutes - BIGWILL

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by President Roger Higgs, with Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 37, including 4 guests and a new member. All board members present. Visitor introductions included guests from Racine, Delavan, Janesville, and Sun Prairie. Several indicated the Stephen Hopkins video of Jamestown/Plymouth drew them to us. Current board members briefly introduced themselves; treasurer candidate Sandee Michaels was noted. Our newsletter has again been submitted for award consideration by NGS; and newsletter articles and tidbits are still encouraged. BIGWILL's donation to NARA in 2009 was \$91, achieved from member donations chiefly offered with membership dues. We still have a few books for sale. It was noted the board meets at Heuer's restaurant after each meeting; all are welcome to attend if they wish.

**** There is a board director position vacant due to Sandee Michaels converting to the Treasurer position. Linda Robertson indicated she would be willing to perform this duty and was elected on a motion by Margaret Zook, seconded by Nancy Holder. Motion passed unanimously.

See previous meeting Minutes on our website. Our treasury currently has \$2,536.30 after payment of \$50 to Grace Lutheran Church for today's meeting.

Committee Reports

Refreshments – Prudy Sullivan - Set up refreshments today, left for family commitment. Sign up sheet for March refreshments was circulated. Thanks to those who bring goodies and beverages each meeting.

Membership – Nancy Holder – Dues for 2010 are due as of this meeting. If your e-mailed newsletter had an application as the first page, your dues are due. Thanks to those who paid today. Reminders will be sent soon to those who are delinquent.

Historian -- Sandee Michaels -- Plans are under way to digitize our entire collection of BIGWILL Newsletters. The work on this, and requests for assistance where needed, will get in high gear after the tax season.

Library -- Maureen Brady/Margaret Zook -- The donation envelopes for new book purchase funds were circulated. We now can purchase The Scots-Irish, or the Scots in N. Britain, N. Ireland, and N. America, 2 vols.; about half way to Ordinance Survey Historical Map series – 1800's. Construction has begun on the McHenry Library remodeling project. When complete, there will be a fairly large separate room devoted entirely to Genealogy, with both work tables and shelving for the combined BIGWILL and Mc Henry County collections. Our file cabinet/storage space is included in this plan. We have received a small collection of back issues of Family History News and Digest, and Irish Roots magazine from Fran Luby.

Newsletter – Karen Glass -- Many members belong to overseas/distant British Isles genealogical societies in connection with their personal research goals. If you notice any bits of information in their publications which may be of interest to our members, please forward a note to Karen for inclusion in our newsletter, or call her.

Webmaster -- Rollie Littlewood – Nothing new. Discussion and updating of our ‘Register’ is pending.

New Business

**** Sandee Michaels was elected as Treasurer to replace Rick Dexter on a motion by Maureen Brady, seconded by Robert Kelly; voice vote was unanimous.

Grace Lutheran Church has given us signs they may choose to terminate our meeting agreement this year. The Community Church three blocks east has indicated a willingness to have us meet there, and is available beginning with our next (March) meeting. Initial research indicates the facility meets our requirements, and we are able to meet their requirements.

**** A motion was made by Ann Wells, seconded by Linda Robertson that BIGWILL will meet at the Community Church for 2010, starting in March, pending full Board inspection/approval immediately following today’s meeting. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

**** Motion to adjourn by Bobbie Briggs, seconded by Sandee Michaels; passed unanimously.

Program Today: “Show and Share”

England – Ann Wells

Ireland – Dane Kane

Scotland – Linda Robertson

Canada – Margaret Kurczynski

Deciphering Old Writing – Maureen Brady

Computer Strategies – Rollie Littlewood and Karen Glass

Publication Table – Roger Higgs

Stephen Hopkins Video (Jamestown/Plymouth) – Nancy Holder