

Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting January 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Brady at 10:00 with 26 members present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

Treasurer: Dick Gilbert reported that we are healthy. 5 people have used the PAYPAL account. Bank account balance is 615.98.

Programs: No 2nd VP as of today. If no one comes forward today this will be discussed at the March board meeting. Next meeting will be Roger Higgs son who will do a presentation on DNA. More information will be available in the Newsletter.

Webmaster: Rollie Littlewood reported that he needs a backup person who's able to set up the projector and remote for speakers / presentations.

Refreshments: Prudy Sullivan reported that no one signed up to bring refreshments. Mary Paul, Fran and Judy Knoblock brought refreshments.

Newsletter – Karen Glass: Newsletter was short this last time due to a lack of contributors. Instructions on how to submit an article are available on the back of the newsletter.

Library: Books, articles, etc. are kept at the McHenry Library. Materials are non-circulating. Users need to sign in to show usage of the room. Marge Zook has been operating as the librarian but would like to give up this position. A new volunteer is needed for this job.

Announcements:

1. Dupage Conference is March 14th. The location will be at the NIU Conference Center. Information can be found at dcgs.org.
2. Judy Knoblock's husband passed away just before Thanksgiving. Several members attended the wake and a plant was sent from BIGWILL.
3. McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society will hold their Summer conference on July 11, 2015 at McHenry County College.
4. No board meeting today, but we will have one in March.

Old Business:

1. Preserve the Pensions jar. Society is asking for \$1 per member donation. Ancestry will match contributions that are made online.
2. Members who haven't paid their dues will not receive the March Newsletter
3. Two board member vacancies. One for a director, the other is for a 2nd VP. Major commitment is the August planning meeting. Usually board members are kept to a minimum.

After the announcements, Maureen Brady introduced program which was Thomas MacEntee webinar presentation on the 7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists.

The meeting was turned back over to Maureen Brady and adjourned at

Submitted by:
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