

July 19, 2014 Minutes for BIGWILL

The meeting came to order with Maureen Brady starting out with the Pledge of Allegiance. Maureen then introduced and welcomed any new member or visitors.

Maureen also advised the members that the board of directors will be holding its annual planning retreat on August 9th in Galena, Illinois. The object of this retreat is to plan for the next year's programs. If you have any speakers or topics to suggest, please send an email to moebrady45@gmail.com

Treasurer's report was given by Dick Gilbert who stated that BIGWILL had a little over \$1,800.00 in the bank and PayPal options should be available by October 1st, 2014 for member to pay membership fees.

Margaret Zook told the members that in September meeting, a luncheon will be served for a small fee. Presenter Ginger Frere of the Newberry Library will be giving a mini seminar "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places" and "New Tools for Finding Old Stuff". Luncheon cost will be announced later.

Karen Glass reminded all members not to forget to submit any articles regarding family reunions, family gatherings, and trips to your ancestral countries or the process on how you find your information.

Roger Higgs also donated 3 books from his collection to the McHenry Library.

Maureen reminded the members that the 25th Anniversary will be coming up soon and she is looking for personal history.

Prudy Sullivan thanked Karen and Bob Glass for helping put all the drinks and snacks out while she and her husband were on vacation in at the last meeting. Prudy also thanked members today for bringing drinks and snacks to this meeting.

After some discussion the meeting was adjourned and Maureen passed out a handout to each member regarding "What's New at FamilySearch" updates, blog, memories and contacting FamilySearch with any questions. The updates on FamilySearch were very enlightening to the members.

Maureen finished a wonderful presentation on the updates for FamilySearch which was followed by a brief board meeting: Roger passed out maps to his home for the upcoming Directors Meeting in August and a head count was taken on members who would be attending Friday night's activities and Saturday's meeting.

Respectfully,

Rita Sullivan