

Minutes of the BIGWILL Society General Meeting March 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Brady at 10:00 with 41 members/guests present. After the pledge of Allegiance, board member reports were called for.

Al Munn introduced one new member and three guests. A new member Bob Connolly introduced himself and the family names he's researching.

Treasurer: Dick Gilbert reported that we are financially healthy. PAYPAL renewals are working well.

Programs: Marge Zook shared details about, Joy Aavang, the speaker for the next meeting. The topic name has not been determined at this time. However, she will be discussing personal accounts she experienced during WWII. John Bierlein said that he heard her talk at a gathering in Huntley Illinois and that it was very well worth attending.

Securing a speaker for a program related to Irish genealogy is being worked on.

Webmaster: Rollie Littlewood reported that some things aren't getting done on the website, but that the newsletter is getting out. Board member emails are also posted on the website.

Refreshments: Prudy Sullivan thanked those that brought refreshments to the meeting. She also brought a sympathy card that will be passed around for Joy McLaughlin who recently lost her sister.

Newsletter – Karen Glass: Needs to have people send in stories or pictures with captions, cemetery experiences, family reunions, etc. Anything that you would like to share. She also accepts links that others think are of interest.

Library: Marge is still filling this position as no one has stepped forward to take it over. She named various newsletters, quarterlies and magazines received from local genealogical societies. We've also received a free book, "A Royal Experience" about King George III as a gift from the publisher.

Announcements:

1. WI state society meeting – Gene-A-rama featuring Cindy Ingle is next weekend in Madison, WI at the Sheraton Madison Hotel.
2. April 18th Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will be holding their 19th Biennial workshop in Milwaukee, WI.
3. McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society will hold their 2015 Summer conference on July 11, 2015 at McHenry County College.

Old Business:

1. Two board member vacancies. One for a director, the other is for a 2nd VP and a Directorship. Dave Sullivan has volunteered to accept the Director position. A vote will be taken during the board meeting later today.
2. A Librarian is also needed. Hopefully someone who lives near Mchenry will volunteer for this position.

After the announcements, Roger Higgs introduced the program on Genetic Genealogy which was presented by Dr. David Higgs.

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

Submitted by:
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Secretary