

BIGWILL March Meeting March 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by president Dick Gilbert. We began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upcoming Genealogy Society meetings:

FGS National Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN, August 22-25.; WSGS Gene-A-Rama, Oshkosh, WI, April 13 & 14; MCIGS Summer Conference, McHenry County College, July 7; 26th Annual Cornish Fest, Mineral Point, WI, September 28, 29 & 30; Ulster Historical Foundation Genealogy workshop at Fountaindale Public Library, Bolingbrook, IL, October 13 (program details to be determined)

Treasurer's Report:

Society has \$1,078.00 in its account. Update provided by Dick Gilbert.

Refreshments:

Purdy thanked all who provided refreshments for the meeting

Library Report: No Library report for this meeting.

Website Update: Rollie reported that any new commercial website would need to include a "members only" portion as part of it. He is working on that.

Membership: We had three visitors at this meeting. Terry Skibiski; Ann Ellen Barr and Larry Robinson.

Newsletter: All Munn reported that he is still in need of articles for upcoming newsletters.

New Business: Dick Gilbert asked the membership if there was interest in having the May meeting still be a dual meeting since the meeting would be a webinar and have a pot luck for lunch. The membership in attendance decided not to have either the pot luck or the dual webinar. May's meeting will be a regular meeting this year.

It was announced at the March meeting that member Ann Wells' husband passed away sometime in February, but we just found out about it.

It was announced that University Place Presents, hosted by Norman Gilliland along with Tom DuBois, Professor, Department of Scandinavian Studies, UW-Madison, will delve into the art and history of encounters and connections among the Anglo-Saxons, Celts and Vikings in the years before 1066 in a program entitled "Celt, Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian Encounters". A website (<https://wptschedule.org/episodes/396134/University-Place/Celt-AngloSaxon-and-Scandinavian-Encounters/>) was included.

Old Business: no old business discussed in March.

The business portion of our meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM. We then moved on to the presentation "Irish Family History Research" presented by Maureen Brady.

BIGWILL Speakers for 2018

November 2017 Speaker = Maureen Brady
Topic = Family Search Updates

January 2018 Speaker (Webinar) = Beth Foulk
Topic = "Colonial Immigration – The English Pioneers of Early America"

March 2018 Speaker = Maureen Brady
Topic = "Irish Family History Research"

May 19, 2018 Speaker (Webinar) = Thomas MacEntee
Topic = "After You're Gone"

July 21, 2018 Speaker = Dan Hubbard
Topic = "When Life Becomes a Myth"

September 15, 2018 Speaker = Debra Dudek
Topic = "Discovering Your UK/Irish Roots Online"

November 17, 2018 Speaker = Marsha Peterson-Maass
Topic = "Medical Genealogy"

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra
