

BIGWILL May Meeting -- Revised May 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by president Dick Gilbert. We began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upcoming Genealogy Society meetings:

CAGNI's GeneaQuest, at Northern Illinois University Conference Center, Hoffman Estates, IL held on June 23, 2018 from 8 AM to 4 PM

Treasurer's Report:

Society has in its account. No update provided.

Refreshments:

Purdy thanked Marge Zook for providing homemade scones for the meeting. A list was passed around for the next meeting on July 21, 2018.

Library Report:

Arlyn Booth brought in several items that were removed as being too old from the McHenry Library. The membership was reminded to take them if they wanted them.

Website Update:

Rollie Littlewood reported that the Website has started to come back up. Rollie is still working on this one.

Membership:

We had one visitor today. It was Karen Glass's cousin, Richard Boe. (Karen, thanks for the spelling correction.)

Newsletter:

All Munn reported that he is still in need of articles for upcoming newsletters. During the presentation today, Thomas MacEntee suggested that our newsletter editor contact him for articles for the newsletter. Thomas said he had about 60 articles.

Old Business:

Brochures still need to be printed but probably won't be done until after we confirm our speakers for next year.

BIGWILL will be a vendor at the MCIGS Summer Conference on July 7th.

New Business:

Karen Glass stated that she will be making new name badges for the membership and that the new badges will show each member's membership number in the bottom corner. They can then be used to request the Surname index from Karen. The Surname Index is in PDF format.

On display on the refreshment table in a beautiful box was a set of flags with relevance to the BIGWILL membership. This display was created by Al Munn and will be put out for every meeting.

Dick Gilbert mentioned that he was told he would be receiving a letter of resignation from our current treasurer, Maureen Brady. Dick asked the membership if there was anyone who would be interested in taking the position. It was stated that the position was through the end of this year.

Bobbie Briggs asked what the status of the "Ann Wells Project" was and Dick said he's taking care of it.

The business portion of our meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM. The Live Webinar "After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research" presented by Thomas MacEntee, started at 10:30 AM. The webinar and question and answer session ended at 11:25 AM and we adjourned.

The May Board Meeting which was scheduled for after today's meeting was cancelled.

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: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research"

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
