

BIGWILL MEETING MINUTES -- 20 September 2008

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Roger Higgs, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A guest from Lyons, WI who read an ad in a free local paper was welcomed.

Announcements:

- Newsletter articles by members are being sought. Do you have an interesting relative? Have you had an "Ah Ha!" moment? Visited or heard about an interesting library? Jot a note, or write an article. Not a writer? Pretend you're sending a letter to a friend that's interested.
- The Officer/Board Member election will be held at the November meeting.
- The position of Historian is open.
- Meeting programs for 2009 are nearly complete. It will be an interesting year.
- Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) Conference – Saturday, Oct 18th, Elgin.
- Cornish Genealogy Festival is next weekend – Sept 27th, Mineral Point, WI
- Board Meeting will be held about 2 PM during the Library Open House at the McHenry Library.
- Lake County Genealogical Society's 16th Annual Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way, in Round Lake Beach from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. "Research Solutions – Methods and Localities"
- McHenry County Genealogical sponsors an all day bus tour around the county; speaker is Craig Pffankuche; cost \$15-20, includes lunch.
- Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's fall conference is October 11th in Janesville, WI. Craig Scott will speak on Military Research and NARA. More data: WSGS.ORG
- Our FGS delegate (Rollie Littlewood) was unable to attend today. Highlights later.

Secretary's Minutes for the July meeting distributed. Accepted on a motion by Mary Tatum, seconded by Bobbie Briggs. Treasurer's report: Current - \$206.54. Insurance cost covering accidental falls, etc. has risen to nearly \$500, now due. Other providers will be looked into for the future. Suggestion made to pass the hat at the meeting; Bobbie Briggs did so; \$439 was raised. Thank you everyone. Long term suggestions included: raising dues, providing incentives (pay early \$20, after January 1st \$25); and including form in newsletter to make it simple. Mary Tatum made a motion that we do research on budget, insurance vendors, policy coverage prior to November meeting, and present results at November meeting; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Library Open House today, McHenry Public Library, 809 N. Front St (Rt 31), McHenry – 1 to 4 PM.
- Refreshments – Prudy thanked Maureen Brady, Mary Robinson, Fran Higgs for today. Volunteers needed for November 15th meeting.
- Membership - We have one new member
- Newsletter - Editor Karen Glass unable to attend. First issue out and looks great.

- Webmaster – Rollie Littlewood unable to attend. Every book review published is available on our site. Several members indicate they do utilize this feature. DO NOT try to print – it is hundreds of pages.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat McLeod moved, Sandee Michaels seconded the approval of the Nominating Committee of Peggy Gleich (chair), Nancy Holder and Roger Higgs. Slate to be presented for vote at November meeting. Please consider running for office, or serving on a committee.

November 15th meeting speaker: “The Collections and Services of the Wisconsin Historical Society” by Lori B. Besler.

Guest speaker Marian Richter Schuetz was introduced and spoke on “It Wasn’t a Cruise Ship – Immigrant Voyages.” The travel conditions were truly horrendous – our ancestors were survivors!