

BIGWILL BOARD MEETING - 4/21/2007

Meeting was called to order at Nippersink Library by President Peg Gleich, with members Jackie Torrance, Dan Kane, Maureen Brady, Margaret Zook, Nancy Holder.

Several forthcoming Board meeting dates need to be adjusted due to conflicting events. June will be held on June 23rd; the August meeting will be held as a lunch meeting July 21st after the regular meeting.

Discussion of our newsletter and ideas for future issues raised the point that we have an exceptionally fine publication, which should be entered in newsletter competitions such as FGS and NGS, as well as the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors/ISFHWE. Details of possible submissions will be looked into, with the expectation of entering issues for evaluation for possible awards.

Library - status was updated. Books are in temporary storage. The most likely candidates to house our collection so far remain the public libraries in McHenry and Woodstock; with Woodstock looking like the better choice if possible. It has the significant advantage of currently having shelf space available, since it is newly opened, and will not face a space crunch in the immediately foreseeable future; McHenry is only in the planning stages for expanded space, and could provide only 'warehouse' shelving at best now. Woodstock's library is in a nice location, just off the Woodstock Square with its open space, shops, and restaurants; the town of Woodstock is relatively easily accessible by main routes from surrounding areas, although it is a long way off any Interstate. Both are about 8 miles away from Richmond/Nippersink Library – McHenry due south, Woodstock southwest. Proposals will be sent to both libraries, and a meeting arranged to view the facilities and discuss options available. The possibility of discussion group and/or meeting space will be raised with both facilities.

Maureen Brady will plot membership locations as a tool for use in determining possible "best choices" for the library, meetings, discussion groups, and seminars. Who currently travels, and how far; whom we might draw in, or lose, with any alternative site(s); and possible library utilization need to be addressed.

Maureen will create membership name tags.

Conference - The "help needed" list is filling in nicely; a few slots still need filling and will be asked for at the May meeting.

Policy and Procedures manual draft will be distributed by e-mail. All Board members should proof read this document; especially the sections applying to their particular area. Do go over the entire document - many minds together will catch all the changes needed. All comments will be addressed in depth at the June board meeting. We would like to finalize this soon.

Kathy Brady-Blake is compiling the survey responses which have been received. There were not as many responses as hoped for.

Budget/Finance – The FGS Forum renewal is paid up. Bank balance \$907.57, less recently received checks. Items for discussion: State Form 990 is an annual return. Family Tree magazine issues were \$44/year; suddenly went up to \$75/yr; now \$95/year. Does include a CD added to each copy now. No longer received. Do we wish to renew? Members will be canvassed at May meeting.

A second bank account rubber stamp is being ordered.

It was suggested we get a CD holder for the CD's now in our collection.

Peg reminded us that we are gathering any headstone references relating to the British Isles. If any member encounters a gravestone showing a birth in the British Isles, copy down all the details and submit for inclusion in the book BIGWILL hopes to generate one day. Members also will be reminded of this at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.