

BIGWILL
Minutes to Board Meeting
Nippersink Library, Richmond, IL

August 20, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Peg Gleich.

Present: Peg Gleich, Kathy Brady-Blake, Dan Kane, Margaret Kurzynski, Susan Sincere, and Jackie Torrance.

Report on the British Conference held on April 23, 2005

1. Kathy Brady-Blake summarized the evaluation sheet filled out by attendees at the conference.
2. Presentation of the actual cost of the conference was followed by a discussion of the cost overruns and the advantages and disadvantages of holding another conference at the Best Western. It was noted that a major unexpected cost was for soft drinks. BIGWILL was charged \$1.50 for each soft drink.

Treasurer's Report

1. A discussion about whether interest is paid on the balance in the BIGWILL checking account or only on the Certificate of Deposit. Photocopies of all CDs from 2002 through the current year were sent to Ann Wells for the processing of the 501(c) 3.
2. As of this date there is a balance of \$1,657.66 in the checking account. The CD was renewed last March in the amount of \$1000.

Librarian's Report

It was reported that there is still no contract yet. The Nippersink Library is currently in search of new counsel and our contract is still with the Nippersink Board. An article asking for library volunteers is to be placed in the next BIGWILL newsletter.

Nominating Committee

Positions open for election are President, Treasurer, and one directorship. Jackie Torrance and Dan Kane are to be on the Nominating Committee and Peg Gleich will act as alternate for the previous President.

Newsletter

Discussion of more efficient method of printing and distribution of the newsletter.

BIGWILL September Meeting

There will be a panel of approximately five people to answer questions gleaned from the evaluation forms collected at the British Conference. Questions are to be aimed at beginners and intermediate researchers.

Leaders Workshop

Peg Gleich, Susan Sincere, Sandra Wille, and Kathy Brady-Blake will attend.

Speakers' Fees

A discussion of the current budget of \$300 per year to cover speakers' fees led to changing the budget to \$400 or \$500. Motion to accept was made by Kathy Brady-Blake. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Dan Kane needs some assistance in tracking changes of address and alternate addresses for those who have two homes. Leonard Lucus and Sandie Wille have new addresses.

Audit Report

Material is still be gathered for this report.

Newsletter Report

Queries by members are to be sent in by the August 24th deadline.

Insurance

There is a September 12th renewal date on the current insurance policy. Dan Kane is to follow up on reviewing current coverage and search for alternative insurance rates with other companies.

New Business

CGC – Kathy Brady-Blake is chairman of promotion and publicity for LAS.

Peg Gleich is chairman of volunteers

Susan Sincere is chairman of hospitality

It was suggested that BIGWILL and the Scottish Genealogy Group share a booth or table or at least be next to each other to facilitate staffing.

There was a discussion about fund raising and promotion of BIGWILL by selling lapel pins, tote bags, and magnifiers with the BIGWILL name or logo.

Book Day

Dan Kane suggested that we hold a book donation and book swap day for one of our meetings. Books would be either donated or put on consignment by members so that other members might purchase them for their personal libraries.

The next date for the BIGWILL Board meeting was changed to October 12, 2005 at 10:00 am at the Nippersink Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Torrance, Secretary