

BIGWILL BOARD MEETING - 1/17/09

Announcements:

1. Paid \$200 donation to church; reserved for year.
 2. Newsletters sent to NGS for award nomination were acknowledged in December.
- 1 - Treasurers Report - \$1,568.34 in the bank.
 - 2 - \$2,000.00 2009 Budget calculated based on past expenses, and 100 paid up members (68 paid up now); 4 group memberships (IGS, WGS, NGS, and FGS). Motion to accept by Margaret; Seconded by Sandee Michaels. Budget accepted.
 - 3 - 68 paid up members, notes will be sent to delinquent members encouraging renewal.
 - 4 - Vacant Historian position – Sandee Michaels expressed interest in the position; would like more information on what is involved.
 - 5 - File cabinet donation anticipated.
 - 6 - Pat Fellner will help with financial review.
 - 7 - Next Board meeting after March 21st meeting at Heuers.
 - 8 - Book donations to Library --- Motion to donate a copy of the four remaining books in inventory to our McHenry Library collection by Rick Dexter; seconded by Nancy. Motion passed. It was agreed we will create a “Wish List” of books we would like to have, to be published with note suggesting monetary donations might be earmarked toward such, or outright donation of a book by members.
 - 9 - After discussion it was agreed to scrap the cumbersome Policy and Procedure Manual which has been in a lengthy revision draft stage. Each Board member will draft a simple statement of the duties of their position for consideration at the next Board meeting. Does not need membership approval.
 - 10 - Motion made by Nancy Holder, seconded by Sandee Michaels to publish brief minutes on the website. Key items/motions made and passed.
 - 11 - Liability Insurance – Roger will check with the church on the requirements for our insurance coverage; and whether we are subject to suit individually or collectively. Is insurance really necessary? \$500 cost is a major portion of yearly budget.
 - 12 - Register is printed about every 4 years; website is updated several times in the interim. Outsiders have access through site. Printing is expensive; register is 50+ pages. “Surname list” is created from data on application form. The “Register” includes names, locations, and times/dates. No form is associated with the membership application – separate submission required. Nancy is tracking surnames; will send to Karen Glass.

13 - It was agreed no special meeting/conference will be held in 2009; it would be 2010 if one is held at all.

14 - A Saturday "retreat" was suggested - an informal 'think tank'/planning session – tabled for further thought and discussion.

15 - A "pot luck" social was suggested, perhaps following a regular meeting. Perhaps a picnic on the church grounds; could include favorite "ethnic" or family recipes from the British Isles. Check with church for possible dates and permission.

16 - Financial/tax status was discussed during discussion of possible dues increase. We have Federal 501c3 approval as tax-deductible donations; we are certified as a Non-Profit group; we don't have Illinois approval for exemption from sales tax. Susan Sincere is contact for non-profit status. After discussion it was agreed to keep dues steady for now, citing economic climate among other factors.

17 - We anticipate 2010 Program listing at May board meeting. Working with Peg Gleich.

18 - By-Laws – Jackie Torrance and Rollie Littlewood. Rollie has noted inconsistencies.