

BIGWILL Meeting Minutes – 19 January 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Higgs with 19 members and 5 guests present. A newspaper article in Kenosha drew several of the guests; 3 guests joined BIGWILL. Announcements followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Durfur retires on January 31, 2008. Prudy Sullivan now has a key to the building.

Outgoing officers Peg Gleich (President) and Dan Kane (First President) were thanked. Current officer vacancies include First Vice President and Second Vice President; some Committee chairs are also open. A Board Meeting at Heuer's Restaurant follows the regular meeting. Duplicate/excess genealogy books brought by members for the Book Swap were placed on a table, available for members to exchange. Excess books will be added to the BIGWILL Library Collection in McHenry.

Secretary's Minutes were distributed and accepted on a motion by Kathy Brady Blake, seconded by Fran Higgs and Jackie Torrance.

Treasurer's Report presented by Jackie Torrance indicated our balance is \$1,885.17, plus dues received today. Dues are due/overdue.

Committee Reports:

Library – Our collection has been accepted and placed at McHenry Public Library, which already has a significant collection of genealogy materials. It will be shelved in the next few weeks.

Membership – We have 136 members; 78 are paid up, plus those whose dues came in today. Reminders will be sent to those who are not currently paid up.

Refreshments -- Prudy thanked Fran Higgs and Marge Zook for today's contributions. Sign up sheet was distributed for the next meeting, March 15th. Members are reminded to call Prudy with weather questions on meeting days.

Publicity -- Two newspaper articles were printed recently in Kenosha, a couple days apart.

Newsletter – Any articles or comments should be sent to Dave Dexter.

Old Business:

Peg Gleich volunteered to serve as the Program Chair for 2009, and was appointed to the position.

Peg Gleich also was voted in as First Vice President on a motion and second by Judy Knoblock and Kathy Brady-Blake. There were no nay votes.

Thanks to Carol Pountain for taking notes of today's Panel Discussion. NEXT MEETING: 15 March 2008. PROGRAM: "The British in Pioneer Wisconsin" by James Hibbard.

