

BIGWILL MINUTES -- 17 MAY 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Higgs at 10 AM. Agenda attached. Following the Pledge of Allegiance announcements were made: There were two guests, from Reedsberg, WI. The Historian position is again open. Margaret Wilton notified us she was unable to fill this position due to personal commitments and travel difficulties.

The Newsletter Editor position is open. Karen Glass has offered to pick up the newsletter, and has significant experience with newsletters and publications. Her offer will be reviewed at the Board Meeting following the regular meeting.

On each table a sign up sheet was available for members to volunteer to write an article for the newsletter. More input of member's experiences is sought. Also on the table were flyers for the British Institute, and the September FGS meeting.

Karen Morrison announced the Lake County Genealogical Society's annual research trip to the LDS main library in Salt Lake City, Utah is scheduled for October 19th. You can stay either a week, or 10 days; cost for airfare, hotel, breakfasts, and transfers is approximately \$600.

The Kishwaukee Genealogical Society is disbanding.

The Secretary's minutes of the March meeting were accepted on a motion by Bobbie Briggs, seconded by Pat McLeod. Treasurer's Report not available due to Jackie's absence due to illness. We have \$1,391.04 in the bank.

Library Committee report -- Our items are now 90% fully recorded and shelved. Items are reportedly incorporated in the Library's computer accessible inventory listing; Margaret will check on this. Tentative approval has been given for BIGWILL to place a lockable file cabinet in the library to store our legal and historical materials, and on-going working files. An open house is being planned, possibly in conjunction with the McHenry County Genealogical Society.

Membership Committee -- Nancy Holder reports we have 101 paid up members.

Refreshments Committee -- Report by Margaret Zook in Prudy Sullivan's absence. Sign up sheet for the July 19th meeting was circulated. Thanks to Judy Knoblock and Pat McLeod for assistance today.

Webmaster report -- Rollie Underwood was not present. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Jo Tatum made a motion for a resolution of THANKS to Dave Dexter for four years of service as editor of the BIGWILL newsletter, seconded by Pat McLeod. A Thank You card was circulated for members to sign if they wish.

Guest Dick Baker advised us of the Cornish Festival being held in Mineral Point, WI the last weekend of September, which features genealogical seminars. Brochures were distributed.

Sally Jo Von Brunchenhainen fell and broke her hip. Guest Dick Baker was the winner of a 12 Marker Y-chromosome DNA test kit, donated by Family Tree DNA, brought by Guest Speaker Jeffrey Bassett.

NEXT MEETING – JULY 19TH ---Guest speaker will be Craig Pfannkuche, with a slide illustrated presentation on “Headstone Interpretation”. Plan to join us.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM for Mr. Bassett’s presentation on ‘Genetic Genealogy’ which was well-received and enlightening.