

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2015 – 10 am EDT

Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana

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Those in Attendance: Board members: Michael Mabaen, Dona Stokes-Lucas, Rhonda Stoffer, Corasue Hatton, Connie Conrad, Ron Darrah, Jinsie Bingham, Meredith Thompson, Rachel Popma, and Sue Caldwell.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order

President Michael Maben called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Approval of Agenda

Ron Darrah moved to approve the agenda. Connie Conrad seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Jinsie Bingham moved to approve the minutes of the prior board meeting. Dona Stokes-Lucas seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Financial Reports

Connie Conrad moved to approve the financial reports. Rhonda Stoffer seconded. Motion approved.

Ron Darrah noted there was nothing in budget for major projects. However, no budget adjustments were made.

Meredith Thompson noted the need for a financial review for 1914 record at a cost of \$1,000. Sue Caldwell moved that we pay for a financial review. Ron Darrah seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be April 25, 2015 at the Annual Meeting.
- Future meeting dates:
 1. April 25, 2015: Terre Haute
 2. May 2, 2015: Plainfield
 3. August 8, 2015: Plainfield
 4. October 30, 2015: Fort Wayne
 5. January 30, 2015: Plainfield

Executive Committee Actions

- The Executive Committee approved the appointments of two new County Genealogists. Heather Allen will serve Wabash County and Kathleen Rausch will serve Adams County.
- The Executive Committee approved the payment of \$375 for transportation to the IGS Conference for Judy Russell.

All present approved the executive committee actions.

Indiana State Budget

Michael Maben reported that he personally wrote the chair of the Indiana State Budget Committee regarding budget issues related to genealogy. Ron Darrah moved that the IGS take an official stance in support of the state archives building proposal and against the genealogy related budget cuts at the Indiana State Library. Jinsie Bingham seconded the motion. Motion approved. Michael will send letters emphasizing our stance of the two issues to appropriate state officials.

Grant Applications

Based on a motion by Ron Darrah and seconded by Jinsie Bingham, the board approved one Cemetery Preservation grant and two Resource Development Grants. The approved grants are:

- Thornton Cemetery Restoration Project – Jefferson County Genealogical Society
- Finding the Forgotten: Pauper Burials and the “Poor” of Tippecanoe County – Tippecanoe County Area Genealogical Society
- Jackson County Records Archives – Jackson County History Center

Ron Darrah moved that we double our budgeted amount available for next year's grants making \$3,000 available for this purpose. Jinsie Bingham seconded. Motion approved.

Award Nominations

- The award for Outstanding Genealogical Contribution will be presented to Tammy Dehler.
- Two applicants were approved for the Library Education Scholarship: Cindy Kaufman of the Perry County Public Library in Tell City, Indiana and Paul McNeil of the Hancock County Public Library in Greenfield, Indiana.
- Ron Darrah presented the list of inductees for the Territorial Guard and the SCWFI.

All of the above awards were approved by the board.

Technology Options for Board Meetings

Michael Maben is to investigate technology options for holding board meetings on line.

Membership Payment Schedule

A possible change of membership payment schedules was tabled until the May meeting.

Continuing Business

The board discussed the ballot for 2015 elections.

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:47 am.

Michael reconvened the meeting at 12:31 pm.

Hendricks Co. Probate Records

Meredith reported that we will need to rescan approximately 1,000 files due to poor quality. We will need to locate a vendor to complete the work.

2015 conference at Terre Haute

- Meredith Thompson is to check into purchasing liability insurance.
- County Genealogists will meet at the Vigo Co. Library after the conference
- Michael Maben is to submit requests for LEU credits.

2016 Ft. Wayne Conference

- There was no report presented.

Jasper County Historical Society Council of National Defense Cards

- Sue Caldwell thanked Randi Richardson for assisting with taking over 4,500 photographs of Council of National Defense cards. Sue assisted Randi in photographing an Orange County ledger.
- Meredith Thompson said the Historical Society could put the cards on the IGS website.

Publication Committee

Michael Maben announced that Rachel Popma is the new chairman of the Publication Committee.

Upgrade to Software

Meredith Thompson moved that we upgrade to add the mylibraryplus module to our contact software at a cost of \$5.00 per month. Corasue Hatton seconded. Motion approved.

Electronic Database Award Committee

Rachel made a motion and Meredith seconded that the award be presented to Wayne Klusman of Richmond. Motion approved.

Misc business

- A short discussion was held on areas where we need assistance and how to publicize our needs. Areas noted as needing help: publicity, Publication Committee, researchers list.
- Ron Darrah asked if a query from an Arizona inmate could be published on our blog. The board said yes.

Michael Mabel thanked Jinsie Bingham and Dona Stokes-Lucas for their board service as this was their last meeting as board members.

Reports

Officers

- President – Report filed in advance
- Vice-President – Report filed in advance
- Treasurer – Report filed in advance
- Recording Secretary – Sent minutes from last meeting
- Corresponding Secretary – Report filed in advance
- Past-President – No report

District Directors

- North West
- North Central – Report filed in advance
- North East – Report filed in advance
- West Central – Report filed in advance
- Central – Report filed in advance

- East Central – Report filed in advance
- South West – Report filed in advance
- South Central –No report
- South East – No report
- At-Large – Report filed in advance

Standing Committees

- Annual Conference
 - 2015 – Terre Haute – Already discussed
 - 2016 – Ft Wayne—No report
- Finance and Budget – Reports filed in advance
- Grants – Report filed in advance --Already covered
- Historian – No Report
- Honors and Awards – Already covered
- Legislative – Report filed in advance – Already covered
- Library Staff Educational Scholarship – Report filed in advance - Already covered
- Long Range Planning – No report
- Membership – Report filed in advance
- Nomination and Election – Already covered
- Publications – Report filed in advance - Already covered
- Publicity – No report
- Researcher List - No report
- Society of Civil War Families of Indiana – Report filed in advance - Already covered
- Territorial Guard – Report filed in advance – Already covered

Adjournment – Michael Maben adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.