

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

7 May 2016 – 10:00 AM EDT

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana

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Board Members in Attendance: Michael Maben, Nichelle Hayes, Rhonda Stoffer, Ron Darrah, Randi Richardson, Meredith Thompson, Sue Caldwell, Adam Walters

Guests: Curt Sylvester (Honors & Awards); Rachel Popma (Publications);

Board Members Absent: Lisa Swanson Ellam, Julie Schlesselman, Marlene Polster, Curt Witcher, Lou Ann Clugh, Mike Lewman, Corasue Hatton, Donna Adams, and

\* Remote attendance through GoToMeeting was not available

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Call to Order – It was determined that there was not a quorum, so President Michael Maben called an executive session to order at 10:15 a.m. Participating were Michael Maben, president; Meredith Thompson, treasurer; Ron Darrah, Corresponding Secretary, and Adam Walters, recording secretary.

Welcome to New Board Members

N/A

### Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was accepted.

### Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes – 30 January 2016

Adam Walters moved to accept the minutes. Meredith Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

### Approval of Financial Reports

Ron Darrah moved to approve the financial reports. Adam Walters seconded. Motion passed.

### New Business

- **Confirmation of next board meeting date** – 6 August 2016 at the Plainfield Public Library
  - Next five meeting dates
    1. 6 August 2016: Plainfield
    2. 29 October 2016: Fort Wayne
    3. 28 January 2017: Plainfield
    4. 8 April 2017: Indianapolis (Annual Meeting)
    5. 6 May 2017: Plainfield
  
- **Additional Special Grants and Digital Support Efforts**

Ron Darrah presented an idea that originated during his seminar/workshop at the recent IGS conference. He showed his scanning kit consisting of a carrying case, laptop, scanner and accessories. Ron proposed to provide a “scanning kit” for the digital preservation of genealogy documents for publication on the applicant’s web site/computers, and the ISG web site. The project could target multiple Indiana non-profit organizations that may have records of interest for genealogy purposes and the resources to successfully meet the goals.

Ron made a motion to use the Kahle Family Foundation grant as a pilot project to provide a scanning kits (laptop, scanner, case, and accessories) to Indiana non-profit organizations, awarded through an IGS application process. Meredith Thompson seconded. The motion was passed by the Executive Committee.

Upon further discussion, the Executive Committee voted to withdraw the previous motion.

Adam Walters made a motion to approve a project to provide a scanning kits (laptop, scanner, case, and accessories) for the purpose of digitizing genealogy records. The scanning kits would be awarded to Indiana non-profit organizations,

through an IGS application process. The motion was approved by the Executive Committee.

Meredith Thompson made a motion to apply the \$2000.00 Kahle Family Foundation grant to the digitization project. The Executive Committee approved the motion.

- **Honors/Awards/Publicity discussion**

Having gone through the application approval process for the first time, Curt Sylvester had suggestions for minor changes to the application forms to improve contact information. He also raised the question about the who should retain the forms. It was suggested that Curt make the changes to the application form templates (MS Word). The completed forms used in the approval process were provided to Meredith Thompson, the Web Site manager.

- **Vendor opportunities:**

Ron made a motion to have an IGS table at Midwestern Roots, Indianapolis (July 15-16, 2016). Meredith Thompson seconded. The motion was passed by the Executive Committee. Rachel Popma will handle the application process.

Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair, Indianapolis (October 22, 2016). There is no cost to have an IGS table. Michael Maben will handle the application process.

#### Other New Business

Ron moved to have an IGS table at the FGS conference 2016 (August 31 – September 3). The cost is \$30 for the Society Showcase. Meredith Thompson seconded. The Executive Committee approved the motion.

#### Continuing Business

- Kahle Family Foundation grant to IGS - Meredith Thompson completed the matching grant application to IBM.
- Webinars - Michael Maben will be coordinating a webinar, perhaps based out of the Wabash County Society facility.
- Hendricks County Probate Records project – See Curt Witcher's report.
- 2016 Conference and Annual Meeting wrap-up – 16 April 2016, Fort Wayne (Allen County Public Library). See reports by Matt LaFlash & Curt Witcher for details.

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:05 PM.  
Michael reconvened the meeting at 12:59 PM.

- In March, Nichelle Hayes and Michael Maben toured the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, the location of the April 8, 2017 Conference and Annual Meeting. Michael Maben is working to secure a speaker for the conference. See Michael's report for details. The rooms are sufficiently large to hold the anticipated audiences and there is room for vendors. There is a dedicated onsite parking garage for a fee. Details for lunch arrangements are being discussed. Michael Maben will explore the Indiana Historical Society location for the Society Management Seminar.

Other Continuing Business

None

Reports – Filed Electronically

Adjournment – Michael Maben adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.