

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

4 February 2017 – 10:00 AM EDT

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana

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Board Members in Attendance: Michael Maben, Mike Lewman, Rhonda Stoffer, Corasue Hatton, Ron Darrah, Meredith Thompson, Randi Richardson, Sue Caldwell, Adam Walters, Lou Ann Clugh*, Nichelle Hayes*

Guests: Rachel Popma (Publications); Curt Sylvester (Honors & Awards), Amy Johnson Crow* (Social Media)

Board Members Absent: Lisa Swanson Ellam, Julie Schlesselman, Marlene Polster, Donna Adams, Curt Witcher

* Remote attendance through GoToMeeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

President Michael Maben called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2016

One spelling correction to previous meeting minutes. Ron Darrah moved to approve the minutes. Sue Caldwell seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Reports

Mike Lewman moved to approve the financial reports. Rhonda Stoffer seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Confirmation of next board meeting date – May 6, 2017 at the Plainfield Public Library**
 - Next five meeting dates
 1. 8 April 2017: Indianapolis (Annual Meeting)
 2. 6 May 2017: Plainfield
 3. 5 August 2017: Plainfield
 4. 4 November 2017: Fort Wayne
 5. 27 January 2018: Plainfield

- **Approval of Executive Committee Actions**
 1. Approval of additional \$10,000 for the Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project – 5 yes, 0 no
 2. Reprinting of membership brochures and #10 self-addressed envelopes – 5 yes, 0 no
 3. Renewal of the \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit for 2.5 years at the same interest rate – 3 yes, 0 no
 4. Budget for 2017 – 3 yes, 0 no

The Board approved all four Executive Committee actions.

- **County Genealogist Nominee for Orange County: Rebecca “Becky” Gardner**

This came as a motion and second from the Long-Range Planning Committee. Motion passed.

- **Grant Applications**

Six applications in total. Three Cemetery Restoration Grant applications: Little Union Cemetery, Clark County; Lawles Cemetery, Brown County; and Chunn Cemetery, Vigo County (Wabash Valley Genealogy Society). One Resource Development Grant application from Scott County for an 1890 Census Substitute. Two Chapter Resource Grant applications: Allen County Genealogy Society Website Support and Monroe County History Detectives Camp.

Ron Darrah moved to approve all six applications for \$1000 each. Adam Walters seconded. Motion passed.

- **Honors and Awards Nominations**

There were two nominations: Irv Morse, St. Joseph County, Distinguished County Genealogical Service and Vikki Sordean, Vigo County, Outstanding County Genealogical Contribution.

This came as a motion and second to the Board. Motion passed.

- **Society of Civil War Families and Territorial Guard Inductees**

The 2017 Territorial Guard Inductees list and the 2017 SCWFI Inductees list came as a motion and second to the Board. Motion passed.

- **Librarian Scholarship Applications**

The board approved two applicants for the 2017 Library Staff Educational Scholarship. They are: Amanda Aguilera, Local History Librarian, Hammond Public Library, Hammond; Jan McGrew, Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library, Fort Branch

Meredith Thompson moved to approve two applicants. Ron Darrah seconded. Motion passed.

- **Election Ballot for 2017**

Rhonda Stoffer will replace Michael Maben as the IGS President for the next term. This leaves an open position for the Northeast District. There are also openings for the North Central District and Recording Secretary. Michael Maben is identifying potential candidates for the three positions, then the Executive Committee will approve the ballot on a March timeframe.

- **Other New Business**

Meredith Thompson asked whether it may possible in future years to provide Allen County Library an IGS membership in exchange for storage of IGS historical documents.

Nichelle Hayes asked about feasibility of paper copies of IGS newsletters. IGS is not currently setup to provide paper copies which are then mailed.

Continuing Business

- **Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project Update**

Ron Darrah reported there are 17 digitation kits provided to date. A few more new opportunities are being pursued. The remaining approved funding will allow for 10-11 more kits to be provided. Many of the 17 recipients that have been provided digitization kits have provided 5 or more databases for the IGS website. One recipient has provided 22 databases.

- **Hendricks County Probate Records Project**

Meredith Thompson led a discussion of the project. There was discussion of trying to break the project into portions that could be completed over several years. Michael Maben will contact Curt Witcher to determine the status of scanning and report options back to the Board.

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:16 PM.

Michael reconvened the meeting at 1:07 PM.

- **FindMyPast Proposal**

No new status.

- **2017 Conference and Annual Meeting – Indianapolis**

The conference will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Central Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library (40 E. St. Clair St.) in downtown Indianapolis.

The schedule is finalized and published in the newsletter and on the website. Michael Maben has applied for LEU credits (just waiting on word from the State Library). Next steps include arranging Tony Burroughs' housing; collecting, copying, and assembling the packets; printing the nametags; and arranging lunches with the catering service.

Upon entering the library to register, a ticket will be provided for parking. There was a short discussion about having a Friday afternoon reception for the featured speaker.

- **2017 Society Management Seminar – Indianapolis**

Michael described the Friday, April 7 program which will focus on digitization, conservation, and preservation.

- **2018 Conference and Annual Meeting**

Michael Maben investigated possible sites for the 2018 IGS conference in Jeffersonville/Clarksville/New Albany area. Two possible sites identified, one located in Jeffersonville and one in Clarksville. The Clarksville site appears to be less expensive. When considering dates, there are two weekends that are not optimum. Easter weekend is March 31 - April 1, 2018 and the Ohio Genealogical Society conference is scheduled April 11 – April 14, 2018. Michael Maben will continue to investigate.

- **Other continuing business**

Reports – Filed Electronically – Additional Comments Below

East Central District – Corasue Hatton discussed changes with the genealogy house in Shelbyville.

South Central District – Randi Richardson discussed difficulties obtaining a grant for Orange County Library. The group discussed several alternative grant options.

Publications – Rachel Popma discussed advertising and marketing of Once A Hoosier...Always A Hoosier blog. Also there was a discussion of how to generate more traffic/activity for the IGS blog and other social media.

Adjournment – Mike Lewman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron Darrah seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.