

## INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

6 May 2017 – 10 AM EST

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana

Board Members in Attendance: Rhonda Stoffer, Marlene Polster, Ron Darrah, Meredith Thompson, Randi Richardson, Sue Caldwell, and Donna Adams

- Remote Attendance through GoToMeeting – Paul Singleton, Linda Malooley and Lou Ann Clugh

### Order of Business

#### ➤ Call to Order

President Rhonda Stoffer called meeting to order at 10:18 AM

#### ➤ Approval of Agenda

Sue Caldwell made motion to approve agenda seconded by Marlene Polster – Motion passed

Approval of Minutes– (correction) Meredith states everyone who was awarded a grant received \$1000. Marlene Polster made motion to approve the minutes with the change. Ron Darrah seconded. Motion passed.

#### ➤ Approval of Financial Reports

Marlene Polster inquired about Amazon storage. Meredith Thompson says we still have it but it is not user friendly. We are moving toward using Dropbox because it is user friendly. It was noted we lost a little money on the conference but we added new members and all was good at conference. After discussion Marlene Polster made motion to approve financial reports and Sue Caldwell seconded. Motion carried.

#### ➤ New Business

##### A. Confirmation of the next regular meeting date – 5 August 2017- Plainfield

##### B. Next five meeting dates

1. 4 November 2017 – Ft. Wayne
2. 27 January 2018 – Plainfield
3. 28 April 2018 – Plainfield
4. 5 May 2018 – Plainfield
5. 11 August 2018 – Plainfield

##### C. Approval of Executive Committee Action

1. Proposal to run Ad in the Indianapolis Recorder for the IGS Conference at a cost of \$350. Passed 5-0

2. Request from the Publications Committee to award Paoli Public Library the Electronic Database Award, to award two writing awards this year to Amy Harbor and Ann Reymont, and to request \$500 to award both authors \$500. Passed 5-0
3. Request from Michael Maben to give an IGS membership as a door prize at the annual conference. Passed 5-0

Ron Darrah made motion to approve and Marlene Polster seconded. Motion passed.

- D. IBM matching grant for \$2000. Received due to the Kahle Foundation Grant
- E. Recommendation for Mary Witte as ICG for Greene County – The Long-Range Planning Committee has made motion and second. Motion passed.

Marlene Polster make motion and Meredith Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

- F. Suggestion from Ron Darrah that IGS consider online voting for elections. Rhonda Stoffer contacted OGS to inquire how they conduct elections. IGS Standing Rules require IGS to mail ballots so Standing Rules need to be changed. An email will be sent out to member to get feedback on online voting. Subject will be placed on agenda August meeting and voted on.

**G. Open Committee positions**

1. Audit (obsolete)
2. Education
3. Membership
4. Publicity (Matt LaFlash stepping down) (due to not enough communication)
5. Legislative (Maury Pratt stepping down)
6. Bylaws & Standing Rules (Adam Walters stepping down)

Ron Darrah suggested placing open positions in the newsletter, news blasts and on Facebook. Rhonda Stoffer will mention in Presidents letter.

- H. **North Central Director position** – Paul Singleton has expressed interest in the position. Ron Darrah made motion to accept Paul Singleton and Marlene Polster seconded. Motion passed.

➤ **Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project Update – Kahle Foundation Grant**

Kahle family is happy with the decision on what money was spent on. They are donating \$2000 more and if IBM grants come through we will have \$8000 total. Twenty-five kits ordered overall. IGS is receiving an array of digitized items such as directories, booklets, old telephone books, etc. Randi Richardson asked for assistance in setting up a scanner she personally purchased. Ron Darrah is to meet with her in June. Meredith Thompson reported the members only section on the website has increased in usage and databases. Marlene Polster made motion to continue the digitization project and Lou Ann Clugh seconded. Motion passed.

➤ **Hendricks County Probate Records Project**

Meredith Thompson sent via email and updated report on the morning of 6 May. Disregard the previous report. The Hendricks County Clerk does not want to give permission to go forward to digitize the probate records. She wants the approval of the State Archivist, Jim Corridan. She wants them microfilmed first (per state requirement) then continue digitizing. There are around 4000 files on hold due to the decision of the Hendricks County Clerk.

➤ **FindMyPast Proposal**

Rhonda Stoffer received an email from Curt Witcher with draft attached. A motion was made by Donna Adams and seconded by Randi Richardson to accept with modified changes of the agreement. Motion passed.

Lunch Adjournment – Rhonda Stoffer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.  
Reconvened at 12:30 PM

➤ **2017 Annual Conference and Annual Meeting – Wrap Up**

110 Registrations and 6 walk ins. The Society Management Seminar had 27 people in attendance. Awards were discussed. There was a question by someone at the conference as to why everyone received money except two awardees. Sue Caldwell made motion to award \$500 for each award given and make it retroactive to the awardees in April. Marlene Polster seconded the motion. Motion passed.

➤ **2018 Conference and Annual Meeting**

Indiana University – South East Campus – New Albany, Indiana – April 28<sup>th</sup> – Cost \$300 for the space and \$2.00 parking for attendees and plenty of restaurants available in the area. The Clark County History Museum has offered to assist in some way – hoping to have Society Management Seminar at this location. Meredith Thompson suggested to contact a hotel to utilize as a conference hotel. Rhonda Stoffer will contact Michael Maben to check on this. Ron Darrah suggested that we could inform potential attendees about the American Legion Library in Louisville and the New Albany Library as research centers. Ron Darrah made motion to accept and Marlene Polster seconded. Motion passed.

➤ **Continuing Business**

**Discussion of ICG's** not responding on a timely matter. Randi Richardson is upset about ICG's not sending reports or responding to emails. Rhonda Stoffer is planning on

emailing all ICG's introducing herself and reminding them about the criteria/duties. She will also contact District Directors to see if they are contacting their ICG's. Sue Caldwell suggested replacing ICG's with others who will do the job accordingly. Both Randi Richardson and Lou Ann Clugh stated they were frustrated - suggested a Facebook page to communicate. A blog was set up early on but no one utilized it. Randi Richardson suggested a yearly award of \$200 – for an Outstanding ICG. Lou Ann Clugh suggested tabling the subject and let the Long-Range Planning Committee discuss and decide on the issue. Then bring to the board for further discussion and decision. Donna Adams suggested reappointing ICG's every two years. This is how the County Historian program is done by the Indiana Historical Society. A survey monkey could be sent out or letter through U.S. mail.

**Blogs** - Ron Darrah stated that the blogs need more information and more people to publish on them. Also, Facebook page needs more – updates, etc. Rhonda Stoffer stated Social Media is important to our group. This falls under Publications Committee and will discuss with them.

#### **Officers**

**President** – Marlene Polster asked Rhonda Stoffer who she contacted in Switzerland County about the records that were for sale on eBay since we do not have an ICG in that county. Rhonda was going to check who she sent email to about records.

**Vice President** – Commented that conference was a success

**Treasurer** – Meredith Thompson reported she has been cleaning up the Life membership info and Chapter membership contact information. Conference - Meredith would like to have a special registration form for the complimentary registrations for the conference. Tax Filing – CPA assisted with filing.

**Ron Darrah** asked if we needed to change the format of our meetings. He suggested alternate meetings in different areas of the state. Meredith Thompson suggested virtual meetings during evening time during week. Bylaws would need to be changed. Marlene Polster suggested having a laptop for the President along with a camera to use to assist in Go to Meeting for Video. No action was taken.

**Reports** – Filed Electronically

**Adjournment:** Marlene Polster make motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Darrah seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM

