

The Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM on 10 March 2009 by Vice President Sue Irvine.

Randy Riley presented the following update regarding happenings at the Library of Mich. Disregard many of the rumors you are hearing regarding the future of the Library. Everything is still in the talking stage and nothing has been firmly decided. Many good things are happening. Left-over money from last years budget bought nearly 100 grand worth of genealogy related resources. The Death Records digitization project will total over 976,000 records. The initial 300,000 should be on-line in a week or two. Archives & Library are working closely on the digitization of documents, much of which is due to the support of the Abrams Foundation. A seminar will be held in the Library on 4 April, entitled "Learning More Seminar" focusing on the internet and genealogy. The Abrams Seminar will be held on Fri & Sat 17 & 18 July 2009. Primary speaker is Steven Morris. The Dept of History, Arts & Letters will probably disappear as we know it, but the library will stay. Other than that nothing is in concrete yet. Staff appreciates the support of its patrons.

Mark Harvey of the Archives of Michigan remarked that attendees might consider expressing their concern regarding the Archives and Library, to their elected officials. Mark indicated he had picked up the immigration records from Wexford County and they are ready for researching. Indicated they had received 1100 boxes of court records from Detroit Recorders Court. Boxes have been organized, and they have indexes. Beginning dates are early 1800's to 1944. Archives is also getting the Washtenaw Co Probate records, consisting of 400 boxes of material. Mark said they are still in negotiations with Family Search regarding use of their on-line indexing software. He further said that regardless of where we currently stand day to day, we are still planning on officially launching the www.seekingmichigan.org web-site. Could be some minor glitches, but it is a work in progress.

Minutes of the November 2008 Delegate Meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Laurine Griffin to accept minutes as submitted, seconded by Cindy Grostick, and motion carried.

Treasurers Report presented by Laurine Griffin indicated a balance in all accounts of \$65,177.37. Report was accepted for file.

Report by Cindy Grostick, Corresponding Secretary, included a request that attendees please check the MGC website and look at the information shown for your society. We need to ensure that all email addresses shown for your society and delegates is accurate. It is difficult to pass on date-sensitive information to all members when we have several mailings returned. There are forms on the website to use when submitting update information. If you don't have email, we will have forms available at the delegate and board meetings. The meeting date schedule and locations are based on availability of rooms in the Library. July meeting date and location are still up-in-the-air.

May Delegate Meeting – 1:00 PM 13 May – Lake Erie Room
June Board Meeting – 10:00 AM 3 Jun – Lake Erie Room
August Board Mtg – 11:00 AM 11 Aug – Lake Huron Room
Sept Delegate Mtg – 10:00 AM 9 Sep – Lake Erie Room
Oct Board Mtg – 11:00 AM 14 Oct – Lake Erie Room
Nov Delegate Mtg – 10:00 AM 10 Nov – Lake Erie Room
Dec Board Mtg – 10:00 AM 18 Dec – Lake Erie Room

Cindy also indicated she had received two requests for research; one for Eaton County and the other is in Lenawee Co. Members are asked to help check these out.

Under old Business, Tom Koselka gave a short presentation on using the online Society and Member Directories at the MGC website. Said he had inadvertently sent out the wrong address, and it should have read www.mimgc.org. Go to that website, go down list on left and click on Michigan Genealogical & Historical Societies in Michigan. Those who are members of MGC have a banner under their address indicating membership in MGC. If you know of a Historical or Genealogical Society in your area, who are NOT on the list, let him know the info so it can be added. We want to be a source where researchers can find information whether or not it is a member-society. If you have a change, go to bottom of page and click on email, and fill out the form. To make a change to the Delegate Directory, click on it in left column, and a connector window will open requiring a user name and password to see the list. List is password protected. If you haven't been given

a password, let him (Tom) know, and he will set you up. To have changes made, send an email with all the data. If something on the web-site doesn't appear to be working right, send Tom an email at tom@mimgc.org.

Sue Irvine commented regarding the meeting with Tami Weaver about records access. Our thought was perhaps there might be a way to pay a state worker to index the films the State Registrar has so that we could have access to those records that meet date requirements for viewing by researchers. Will continue to check this out.

Jim Jackson talked about the Lucy Mark Kellogg Award. It's time to be submitting recommendations. The application form says they must be in by 1 May. We are extending date until 13 May. We have 3 new judges each year, and we explain to them that some of these nominees have been submitted before, and this should not impact their decision making. These nominees have probably added more projects that have been completed. Jim explained the workings of the committee, and what judges would be looking at.

Lucindia Wilson noted she is working on getting names to persons to fill the various elected positions of the MGC for 2009 – 2010. Positions still needing names are Corresponding Secretary, Board Secretary, and a Trustee. Please give it consideration, and let her know.

Program for the day is Jim Jackson, and his topic is "Major Michigan On-Line Data Bases". Talked about Michigan Biographical Index, a program he started working on in 1993. This is a cumulative full-name index of names found in many publications and manuscripts connected to Michigan people and places. Index gives location of information regarding name of person being researched, including author, publication title and date. Entry may also show if resource is for sale, and who by.

Friendly Forum:

Monroe County has a seminar scheduled for March 21st and fliers are available on side table.

Eaton County has a seminar on May 16th

Tri-County society has a column in the local paper regarding genealogy and family history.

Several societies have bus trips to Fort Wayne scheduled for May & June 2009.

Western Wayne Co will have a seminar 7 November 2009. Speaker is Steven Morris.

There being no further business before the council, meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Prepared by Sam Pardee – Delegate Secretary

ATTENDANCE **10 March 2009 delegate meeting**

Calhoun Co GS	Lucindia Wilson (D)	Jim Jackson (D)
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)	Dorothy Kuck (A)
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (D)	
Clinton Co HGS	Lynne Gregory (D)	
Cornish Connection	Carolyn Haines (D)	
Dearborn GS	Laurine Griffin (D)	Tom Koselka (A)
Detroit Soc of GR	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	Dick Doherty (D)
Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)	
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)	
Flint GS	Don Smith (D) Bernard Griggs (D)	Jim Thornton (A)
Gladwin Co GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Gratiot Co HGS	Mary Strouse (D)	Barb Curtindale (D)
Harrison Area GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Hillsdale Co GS	Virginia Tervol (A)	
Ingham Co GS	Sam Pardee (D)	Isabelle Wells (A)
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	Dick Doherty (D)
Isabella Co GS	Linda Hopp (D)	
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (D)	
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Kenneth Baker (D)	Jim Jackson (D)
Lapeer Co GS	Al Hart (D)	Betty Ann Ivory (D)
Lenawee Co GS	Virginia Tervol (D)	
Mid-Mich GS	Yvonne Koos (D)	
Midland GS	Beverly Keicher (D)	
Monroe Co GS	Laurie Schultz (D)	Florence Wilson (D)

Muskegon Co GS	Dawn Kelly (D)	
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)	
Oakland Co GS	Pamela Epple (D)	Dick Doherty (D)
Polish GS of MI	Valerie Koselka (D)	
Roscommon Co GS	Beverly Gaffney (D)	
Shiawassee Co GS	Janet Confer (D)	Don Smith (D)
Stockbridge Area G&HS	Cynthia Grostick (D)	
Then & Now HGS	Isabelle Wells (D)	
Tri-State GS	Jane Taylor (D)	
Washtenaw Co GS	Barbara Geizentaner (D)	
Western MI GS	Sue Irvine (D)	Claudia Day (A)
Western Wayne Co GS	Delphine Goodwin (D)	
Guest – Brenda Halseth (WWCGS)		
Guest – Maxine Newstead (WWCGS)		