

Meeting was opened by Joanne Harvey at 1:05 PM on 14 July 2009, by welcoming attendees and indicated that Connie Olson would conduct installation of the following individuals as the elected officers of the Michigan Genealogical Council for 2009-2010

President – Cynthia Grostick
Vice-President – Sue Irvine
Corresponding Secretary – Tom Koselka
Treasurer – Laurine Griffin
Board Recorder – Stacy Stoner
Delegate Recorder – Sam Pardee
Trustee – Al Hart
Trustee – Lucindia Wilson
Trustee – Carolyn Hanes

The meeting was then turned over to the incoming President, Cynthia Grostick, who called the meeting to order.

Cynthia indicated she had prepared Certificates of Appreciation to the following outgoing board members: Lynne Gregory, Yvonne Koos, Eunice Pines, and Marilyn Hebner. Certificate for Eunice was presented to her, and remainder will be mailed to the individuals. Cindy also notified attendees of the Board meeting and its "Think Tank" workshop chaired by Michelle Dunnings. Board members were active in the planning conducted during the meeting and viable plans were put in place. Three work groups were organized, Advocacy Group, Education Group, and a Dispersal Group. More on this later.

Randy Riley gave an update on happenings at the Library. Remarks regarding the Governor's Executive Order as it pertains to HAL indicated there is not much good news. HAL as a department disappears. The Library will become part of Department of Education. Archives will be going to DNR. Dept of Education is instructed to look at ways to make cuts. The proposed Advisory Group (Govt, MSU, & Lansing) will make recommendations to the Dept of Education. No indication yet on what will happen to the various collections of materials. Randy reminded attendees of the new hours of operation, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Saturday. The Abrams Seminar is scheduled for this weekend, (Fri & Sat) 16-17 Jul 2009. There is still time to get signed up. Our website, SeekingMichigan.org, a combined project of the Library & Archives, is progressing. Nearly a million records have been uploaded. The Abrams Foundation has sent next years gift, which will be used to purchase additional materials. Several people have asked many questions, but all he could answer was that there is no concrete answer yet.)

Presidents Report. Cindy's opening remarks were about her entry into and her involvement in the world of genealogy. She particularly noted the advice she had received from Carol Callard and how effective it worked. She then laid out some projected plans to assist the MGC to be more pro-active. She thanked those who helped in the plans for the MGC Seminar scheduled for 19 September at the Library of Michigan. Cindy noted we had received a thank you letter from the Michigan Historical Foundation for our donation of \$288.80. We also received a thank you from the Archives of Michigan. At this point V-P Sue Irvine made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Oral History Association of Michigan. Seconded by Pam Epple, and passed. Cindy then asked for a motion on the May 2009 Delegate Minutes.

Discussion on the minutes of the 13 May 2009 meeting indicated there were several errors. Motion was made by Tammy Parsons to accept minutes with the corrections. Seconded by Janet Romas, and approved. Corrections are as follows: a) Para 3, line 1, 2d sentence, delete the first "on". b) Para 5, address should read: 510 W. Ottawa St, Lansing. c) Para 8, change "has" to "was". d) Bottom of page 1, change "slae" to read "slate". e) Page 2, para 4, change "top" to read "to". f) Page 2, 7th para, change 7 June to read 27 June.

Laurine Griffin presented the Treasurers Report, indicating a total balance in all accounts of \$64,120.29. Some societies have not yet paid dues for 2009-2010.

Outgoing Archivist, Eunice Pines, spoke on her many years of service to several societies in Michigan, and the various positions she held in the Michigan Genealogical Council. She had been the Archivist since 1987. She noted that the distance she has to travel creates a problem, and she had volunteered to step down as Archivist. Janet Romas volunteered to accept the position. Eunices last report was well accepted. Of particular note was her term as President.

Corresponding Secretary Tom Koselka indicated we had received a Newsletter from Chicago region of the National Archives, and its available for review. Huron Shores GS is having a fall program concerning the Iosco Co Clerks Office on 3 October 2009. See the MGC website for details. The Downriver GS has placed their library collection in the Taylor Public Library building and collection will be available for use on August 12th. Flyers are available for the MGC Seminar on 19 September 2009. Copies of the pages of interest from the Governors Executive Order are available for viewing.

Trustee Lucindia Wilson volunteered to help with getting project(s) that all member societies could/would participate in. Cindy Grostick then asked attendees to give thought to any projects that the MGC and affiliated societies could become involved in. We are still looking for a Projects Chairperson, or persons to chair a particular project.

Jim Jackson, Awards Committee, gave an update on the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award. So far there are 5 nominees, with possibly one more.

Connie Olson, the Calendar Coordinator, indicated she has lots of empty space on the calendar. If your society is planning on workshops, seminars, etc., please let her know the dates and titles. There is an upcoming FGS seminar this fall. Flyers are available.

Central Mail. Sam indicated the Post Office has asked that all Bulk Mail users volunteer to use one of the newly required methods to verify how the bulk mail use verifies the various addresses. In addition, request all delegates check their mailing address shown on the MGC website and ensure it is accurate, especially the 9-digit zip code.

Our Historian, Barb Curtindale, would like a copy of any pictures you take of MGC activities.

Newsletter. Tammy Parsons noted that lists of your societies publications should be placed on the MGC website. Putting those lists in our newsletter is very expensive. Send her a current updated list of your societies publications (partbj@aol.com).

Joanne Harvey noted that according to the State Registrars Office, there could be additional restrictions placed on availability of records access. Get your vital records now. Joanne indicated one member society suggested members could augment staff in County Clerk Offices. State Registrars Office asked Joanne to prepare some proposed guidelines for genealogical society volunteers to assist in County Clerks offices. Hopes to have a list of proposed guidelines ready for council review at September Delegate Meeting.

Under continuing business, Cindy Grostick continued her comments on the results of the Think-Tank session attended by the Executive Board. A member of each group explained a little of what their group would be involved in.

- Tammy Parsons spoke for the Education Group. She indicated the goal of their group was to educate the Dept of Education regarding the various collections and their importance, at the Library of Michigan, and possible methods to be used. Will attempt to get a meeting set up with the Superintendent of Education.
- Sue Irvine representing the Advocacy Group, indicated Senators Jackson and George are both on the side of the genealogists and library users. The first objective is to set up a meeting with the Senators. In addition, our position needs to show up in the media and we plan to get them involved in letting the citizens know our position. Hopefully we can set up a demonstration at the Library and get our members and sympathizers to get involved. Perhaps we could have a "Hands-Around-The-Library" in August to demonstrate our concerns. We are open to ideas.
- Jim Jackson spoke for the group whose area of concern is the location of the Library and/or the various collections. We should consider other repositories where the collections could all remain together. Hopefully all will remain in the current location. Most libraries we are aware of do not have room for the entire collection, but perhaps, some of them could house particular collections. Our intent is to check with some of them reference their capabilities.

Joanne Harvey covered several areas of the Governors Executive Order regarding the Library and its collections, the building, and personnel. She asked members to send letters and or visit their Legislators Office to voice their concerns. Joanne further noted that Ontario's adoption records are now available on line.

Cindy Grostick indicated the remainder of the Board and Delegate meetings for 2009 will be at the Library of Michigan. Next Board meeting will be August 11 at 11:00 AM in Lake Huron Room. Next Delegate Meeting is September 9th in Lake Erie Room. Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM, and Delegates meet at 1:00. The October Board meeting is Oct 14th at 11:00, Lake Erie Room. Novembers Meeting will be the Board at 10:00, and the Delegate meeting at 1:00. She is not sure yet where the January thru April meetings will be held due to repairs happening the Library. It's possible we may have a meeting at some other location. Possibly it could be at the Family History Center in East Lansing. The facility is good, research can be conducted, and space is free. Remember to check your email the night before a scheduled meeting to see if any last minute changes had to be made.

FRIENDLY FORUM:-

Byron Bailey (Farmington) indicated the project they were working on with Ancestry is now on the board and is available for keying and is about 9% completed. Thanked all who participated. He indicated Farmington, Redford, Fox Run & Northville ate co-sponsoring an "Ancestry Day Seminar" on August 22d.

Sue Irvine noted Western Michigan is having a bus-trip to Fort Wayne on 6-7 October 2009. On Nov 7th, "The Genealogy Guys" will headline a Seminar in Grand Rapids. Flyers are available.

Connie Olson reminded attendees to let her know of any special events planned.

There being no further business before the delegates, meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Sam Pardee, Delegate Secretary

ATTENDANCE 14 July 2009 Delegate Meeting

Bay County GS	Kathleen Doerr (P)	Mary McManner (A)	
Calhoun Co Gs	Jim Jackson (D)	Lucindia Wilson (D)	
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)		
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (D) (PP)		
Cornish Connection	Carolyn Haines (D)	Jeanne Thomas (D)	
Dearborn GS	Tom Koselka (A)	Laurine Griffin (D)	
Detroit Soc for GR	Mary Lou Duncan (D)		
Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)		
Eaton Co GS	Sher Brown (D)		
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)		
Flint GS	Don Smith (D)	Bernard Griggs (D)	
Gladwin Co GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Gratiot Co HGS	Mary Strouse (D)	Barb Curtindale (D)	
Harrison Area GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Hillsdale Co GS	Virginia Tervol (D)		
Huron Shores GS	Judy Sheldon (D)		
Ingham Co GS	Tammy Parsons (D)	Sam Pardee (D)	Isabelle Wells (A)
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)		
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (D)		
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Jim Jackson (D)		
Mid-Mich GS	Judy Pfaff (A)	Joane Harvey (D)	
Midland GS	Faye Ebach (D)		
Monroe Co GS	Laurie Schultz (D)	Florence Wilson (D)	
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)		
Oakland Co GS	Pamela Epple (D)		
Polish GS of MI	Valerie Koselka (D)	William Gorski (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 H&GS	Isabelle Wells (D)		
Tri-State GS	Shirley Fleckenstein (D)	Jane Taylor (D)	
Washtenaw Co GS	Barbara Geizentaner (D)	Jessie Siekmeier (D)	
Western MI GS	Sue Irvine (D)	Graham Hollis (D)	
Council Past-Presidents	Eunice Pines Ann Martin	Connie Olson Joanne Harvey	