

Meeting was called to order by the President, Cynthia Grostick at 1:05 PM. All were welcomed, and she then asked Randy Riley for an update on the Library of Michigan.

Randy indicated it was still very difficult to determine at this point what will happen to the budget and its effect on the Library. There will no longer be a HAL. We will be part of the Dept of Education effective 1 October. Access to the collection is a key issue. It's not a time to relax and say all is OK. There are areas of concern to keep working on. Everyone should continue contacts with Legislators. Changes will happen, but not overnight. He believes very little will change over the next year. Next years budget could be more difficult. They are still planning on Family History Month in 2010, along with the various Abrams workshops during the year. The Library collection has material of interest to several groups of people, not just genealogists and family historians. He hopes that after realignment, that the Library and Archives can continue to work together to support the continuation and growth of the website www.seekingmichigan.org. Randy further indicated that just the newspaper collection has been valued at 4 million dollars.

Cindy introduced the speaker for the day, Jan Alpert, President of the National Genealogical Society. They are still working on getting the online petition up to 5,000 signatures, get it printed and delivered to State Government. That many signatures represents a great many voters. Jan said she had a suggestion. Place a visitors sign-in on the desk in the genealogy area. It should call for a name, city of residence, and zip code. Numbers are very important not only to the Library, but also to the Tourism people. Sign-in sheets would be picked up daily by Library staff. Numbers represent dollars spent in the Lansing area. Jan indicated they had a professionally done video to be placed on their website. It regards the benefits of forming a society. She will let Cindy know when it is ready. She also mentioned next years seminar to be held in Salt Lake City. Jan further asked that she & Fred Boles be advised if there is anything they can do to help MGC with.

Cindy indicated readiness to begin Delegates meeting, but reminded participants that should they desire to make statements regarding any topic, they must come to the front of the room, so all present can hear clearly. She also indicated that those members without internet will have copies of minutes mailed to their home. All others will have to go to the MGC website to read or download the minutes.

Cindy then asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the July Delegate meeting. It was noted there was a typo on page 2, paragraph 4. In line 1, the word 'lost' should read 'lots'. Ann Martin made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, it was seconded by Lucindia Wilson, and motion carried. It was also noted that 2 people were left off the list of attendees; Cynthia Grostick and Isabelle Wells.

Laurine Griffin gave the Treasurers report, which indicated a total balance of \$68,882.98 in all accounts. As of 31 August there were still some societies not paid. The Treasurers report lists those societies whose annual dues have been paid.

Sue Irvine, the V-P, mentioned she still had some green ribbon left over and is looking for some possible uses by member groups. Cindy Grostick added that the visual-aid prepared by Sue that showed the various locations in the State of Michigan where member societies were located, was extremely well done. It showed that the members of the council covered the whole state.

Cindy indicated that Sue Irvine and Tom Koselka were incredibly supportive in the many activities surrounding the recent involvement with the legislature and the Library of Michigan.

Tom Koselka, Corresponding Secretary, mentioned the incoming mail and made it available to attendees. Checked with attendees to be sure they are getting their mail, either electronically, or thru the Post Office.

Lucindia Wilson, Trustee, indicated the trustees are set to work with Jim Jackson on the Lucy Mary Kellogg activity in November. She indicated they need someone to fill the Trustee position currently held by Al Hart. Contact Lucindia if interested. She also indicated they still need people to help with projects and publicity.

Committee Reports-

Janet Romas, Archives Committee, said she is hoping to prepare a data-base of items in our archives. Someone left 2 boxes of material next to our archives file and no one seems to know who left them there.

Jim Jackson, Awards Committee reported on the current status of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award selection process. He also mentioned thought is being given to rejuvenating some awards that were previously used, i.e., Thank You letters and certificates to Librarians, County Clerks, and genealogists. Barbara Curtindale is checking on this.

Connie Olson reminded attendees that she maintains a calendar indicating events happening at member organizations. Send her the info so it can get up on our website. Connie also mentioned she is a member of the FGS.

At this point, Cindy Grostick mentioned her recent trip to the FGS seminar and some of the national figures she met, such as Dick Eastman. All were aware of the happenings going on here in Michigan and were happy the MGC was so pro-active about getting involved.

The Historian, Barb Curtindale, said she is keeping a notebook on all the happenings of the MGC, especially the part concerning the Library. She would appreciate a copy of the photos taken at the Library by member delegates today. Would like to include in the notebook and the archival history book. Cindy Grostick indicated the Livingston Co society filmed part of the days activities and she has a copy. Will get it to Barb for our archives. Roger Moffatt indicated that perhaps they could put the video up on the MGC website. Cindy will work with him on that.

Mary Strouse, the Membership chair, reminded attendees there are lots of membership pins available at \$3.00 each.

Madam President reminded all that the MGC seminar is on September 19th. She asked delegates to notify their society members. Cindy then discussed the meeting schedule. The November Delegate meeting will be in Lake Erie room at 1:00 PM, and the Board will meet at 10:00 AM, same day.

Beginning in 2010, meetings will go back to being held on 2nd Thursday. On January 14, Delegates will meet in the Forum at 1:00 PM, the Board will meet in Lake Superior at 10:00 AM. In February 2010, the Board will meet at 10:00 AM in Lake Superior room. In March and April 2010, no rooms will be available due to updating the fire safety system. May possibly use the Family History Center in East Lansing for meetings in March and April 2010.

Beginning in May, all meetings are scheduled to be held in Lake Erie room. On 13 May, Board meets at 10:00 AM, and Delegate meeting at 1:00 PM. On June 10th, the Board meets at 10:00 AM. On July 8th, the Board meets at 10:00 AM and the Delegate meeting is at 1:00 PM. On August 12th the Board meets at 10:00 AM. On September 9th the Board meets at 10:00 AM, and the Delegates meet at 1:00 PM. On October 14th the Board meets at 10:00 AM. On November 9th the Board meets at 10:00 AM and the Delegates meet at 1:00 PM. In December, the Board meets at 10:00 AM on December 9th.

Cindy then updated attendees regarding the days happenings at the rally for the Library of Michigan. All went well and several members did contact Legislators prior to our meeting. She then reminded people the FGS conference in 2010 will be in Knoxville, TN in August. The NGS Conference will be in Salt Lake City.

Connie Olson notified attendees that a Workshop for Society Officers is tentatively scheduled for 20 March 2010. Please set that date aside and as plans progress, notice will be sent out as to time and place, and placed on our MGC website. Connie is interested in possible topics, and a couple people to work with her.

Joanne Harvey, Public Access chair, indicated the State Health Dept would be publishing a booklet tentatively entitled "Genealogists and Michigan's Vital Records". She indicated we will have input in the booklet. She also mentioned she was really impressed with the response genealogists made by talking with legislators. Don't quit now, we still have a way to go. Funding will be a problem.

Friendly Forum:-

Tom Koselka noted that Eaton County GS has a bus trip to Allen County on Sat, Oct 24th. Leaves Charlotte at 7:00AM and returns 9:30 PM. Cost is \$30,.00. Will also stop in Marshall on the way.

The Polish Society of Mich has a seminar on 17 Oct 2009 at the Cultural Center, 15 Mile Rd & Dequindre in Troy. Info on their website.

Jim Jackson mentioned the Calhoun Co GS will have Curt Witcher talking about holdings at the Allen County Library on 22 Sep at 7:00 PM. Check Calhoun Co GS website for particulars.

Don Bryant, West Mich GS said speaker for their membership meeting on 12 Sep 2009 is Jim Jackson. Annual seminar 6-7 Nov, and on 7 Nov the Genealogy Guys will hold the podium. Plus, there will be home tour that weekend.

Cindy Grostick indicated Stockbridge will be having their annual Cemetery Tour Oct 11th at 5:00 PM and it is free. Stockbridge will be 175 years old in 2010, so there will be several events.

Mary Lou Duncan noted the Detroit SGR is one of the sponsors of a free Seminar on 26 September. One of the speakers is Christine Rose. Register if you want lunch. Check their website.

Irene Church mentioned the French-Canadian Society is having a potluck on 12 September at the Mt Clemens public library. The French-Canadian library will be open for research.

Stacy Stoner said the Tompkins Historical Festival is being held on 20 September from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with several events scheduled.

Janet Romas of NE Mich GS indicated that on Oct 17th, they are having an all-day seminar. Speakers topic will cover migration and routes to Michigan.

Cindy Grostick indicated the program for November 10th will be Mary Strouse talking about a Family Search Pilot Program. There being no further business before the membership, meeting was adjourned at 3:0f PM.

Prepared by Sam Pardee – Recording Secretary
Delegate Meeting.

ATTENDANCE **10 September 2009**

Bay County GS	Mary McManman (D)	Kathleen Doerr (A)	Sally McCollum
Calhoun Co GS	Lucindia Wilson (D)	Jim Jackson (D)	
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)		
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (D) (PP)		
Cornish Connection	Jeanne Thomas (D)	Carolyn Haines (A)	
Dearborn GS	Laurine Griffin (D)	Tom Koselka (A)	
DSGR	Mary Lou Duncan (D)		
Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)		
Eaton Co GS	Jim Collins (D)		
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)		
Flint GS	Don Smith (D)	Bernard Griggs (A)	
Fr-Canadian Soc	Irene Church (D)	Miles A Church (A)	
Gaylord Fact Finders	Donald & Janet Rechlin (D)	Terri Hay –Guest	
Gladwin Co GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Gratiot Co HGS	Mary E Strouse (D)	Barb Curtindale (D)	
Harrison Area GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Hillsdale Co GS	Eleanor Wildt (D)		
Huron Shores GS	Judy Sheldon (D)		
Ingham Co GS	Sam Pardee (D)	Isabelle Wells (A)	
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)		
Isabella Co GS	Linda Hopp (D)		
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (P) (D)		
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Jim Jackson (D)	Ken Baker (D)	
Lansing African-American	Melvin Holley (D)		
Lapeer Co GS	Al Hart (D)	BettyAnn Ivory (D)	
Lenawee Co GS	Virginia Tervol (D)		
Mid-Mich GS	Joanne Harvey (D)	Grove Sandrock (D)	
Midland GS	Faye Ebach (D)	Beverly Keicher (D)	
GS of Monroe Co	Laurie Schultz (D)	Florence Wilson (D)	
Muskegon Co GS	Dawn Kelly (D)		
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)		

Oakland Co GS
Polish GS of MI
Redford Twp HGS
Shiawassee Co GS
Stockbridge Area G&HS
Then & Now HGS
Washtenaw Co GS
Western MI GS
Council Past President
Guest
Guest

Pamela Epple (D)
Valerie Koselka (D)
Marge Schulkins (A)
Don Smith (D)
Cynthia Grostick (D)
Isabelle Wells (D)
Jessie Siekmeier (D)
Sue Irvine (D)
Connie Olson
Jan Alpert – National Genealogical Society
Terri Hay

Grace Bonfiglio (A)
J William Gorski (D)

Barbara Giezentaner (D)
Don Bryant (A)