
Minutes of the Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Meeting **9 September 2010**
Mid-Michigan Community College <http://mimgc.org>

The Delegate Meeting of the Michigan Genealogical Council was called to order by President Cynthia Grostick on September 2010. There were 57 members and guests in attendance.

Randy Riley presented an update of happenings at the Library of Michigan. Still a bit hectic at the Library. The Library still has no final budget. Probability is there will be a reduced staff. Primary responsibility of Library is Legislature and State Government. Secondly, will be Michigan Culture and history. The genealogy collection will be there, but no monetary support of the collection, no programming, no new publications and no outreach. Some of the materials on the 3rd and 4th floors will disappear. This includes the Dewey and main collections. Several libraries have been notified of availability of the excess. Reminder, the budget is bad news and a projected 23% cut. The genealogy collection is not a "mandated" part of the library holdings. The SeekingMichigan web site is moving forward. State Census information will be the next items to be digitized and put on SeekingMichigan. This includes the census info held by the Burton Library. Collection on 2d floor of library will remain where it is.

Cindy Grostick indicated the budget for the Archives has caused downsizing of employees. At the moment current bills indicate the genealogy collection will be retained, but no funds have been allocated to support the collection. MGC has been asked by the Archives to assist in conducting a Family History workshop on 30 October 2010 at the Historical Center in Lansing. Attendees will also have time to do some research in the Library and Archives. The Archives is very supportive of genealogists. Mark Harvey had indicated the Civil War Brown Books (Michigan Men in the Civil War) will be digitized and placed on the SeekingMichigan site.

Sue Irvine introduced the speaker for today, John Fierst.

John is a Reference Librarian in the Clarke Historical Library at the Central Michigan University in Mt Pleasant, Michigan. The Library is a "Closed Stack" library, not a lending library. All material stays in the library. The library is there to support the students, but the collection of books and documents have many items that would interest genealogists. He gave some of the history of the library and covered some of the collections, including a large collection of materials on the Old Northwest. They have a large collection of Childrens Books and they also house the offices of the Historical Revue. They also have a large newspaper collection. The library has 3 missions; (1) Michigan History including old French Documents, Michigan in the Civil War, Native American collection, Early Territorial Maps, and a Manuscript Collection); (2) Childrens Literature, and (3) collect data on and act as Archives for Central Michigan University. Other items in their collection include a large collection of cook books, records from the Aladdin Company, builders of Kit Homes in the mid-west. Other collections include manuscripts by early Missionaries, the lumbering industry, and the Ann Arbor Railroad. They also have films of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. Check their website at Clarke.cmich.edu/

Minutes of the July 2010 Delegate Meeting were reviewed, and Sue Irvine made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

Laurine Griffin presented the Treasurers Report, which indicated a balance of \$56,147.56 in all accounts.

Cindy Grostick indicated that Trustee Al Hart had to step down from his position due to dhealth reasons, and she has prepared a Certificate of Appreciation for him. The full Board Meeting in October will be held from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM in the Commission Room on the 5th Floor of the Historical side of the building. NOT in the Library side. The Delegate Meeting in November will be on the **WEDNESDAY** the 10th of November, due to the 11th being a holiday. The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 AM in the Forum. Delegates meet at 1:00. There will be a FULL BOARD meeting on December 9th at 10:00 AM in Lake Superior Room. Delegate Meeting in January 2011 will be on the 13th of January. Board will meet in Lake Superior and Delegates in the Forum. Full Board meets on 10 February 2011 in Lake Superior Room. Today, the Executive Board will be meeting at the home of Barb Curtindale. Speaker for the November Delegate Meeting will be Kris Rzepczynski, talking about Footnote.

Corresponding Secretary, Tom Koselka noted he had received a Death Without Record request, which would be given to Sue. Also received notice of State History Conference to be held in Frankenmuth, MI October 15-17. There will be several presentations and activities.

Cindy noted that Connie Olson had attended the FGS Conference, and was selected as "Delegate of The Day" at the Conference. Connie then commented the FGS, NGS, and the National Archives will be digitizing the War of 1812 records. It will be a costly project, and all states/societies will be invited to contribute one way or another.

Tom Koselka then commented on Public Records Access. Write your Legislators and ask for specific funding for the Genealogical Collection at the Library of Michigan. Collection may otherwise die of neglect. Form letters do not have the same effect as each person writing their own letter. With elections coming up, don't hesitate to let anyone running for the Legislature know how you feel about specific funding for the Library and its historical collections. Also, that the collection remain in the Historical Center.

Jim Jackson indicated the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award will be presented during the November Delegate Meeting.

Tom Koselka and Laurine Griffin reminded attendees of the need to submit an IRS Form 990-N annually if you are a non-profit organization under 501.c.(3). This will protect your non-profit status. This is necessary even tho income of your group was less than \$25,000 dollars. Sample was shown for information purposes. VERY IMPORTANT IT BE SUBMITTED YEARLY.

Dave Russell, from Midland, indicated that only 28 of the 74 member societies have an EIN (Employee Identificati9on Number). You have to have an EIN in order to file a 990-N. The number is granted upon approval of Non-Profit status. If contemplating applying for non-profit status, get a copy of IRS Pamphlet 557.

FRIENDLY FORUM:

Mary Lou Duncan indicated concern about the membership status within the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research due to internal concerns.

Byhron Bailey, from Farmington, indicated their project of working on the Immigration Manifests thru Port Huron, Mich has been very successful. Lots of hits. All the indexes will be free on Ancestry.

Mary Strouse of Gratiot Co, is also a Family History Consultant. She received word that the Celebration of Family History videos shown at the NGS Convention are available on U-Tube. Also, Macintosh has a MAC Family Tree Version 6 which is fully integrated for use with Family Search.org using an Apple machine.

Janet Romas of Northeast MI said they are having a program Oct 2d re: "Your Family Tree". The day also includes a cemetery visit, trip to the Poor House, and the Library. She also introduced guest, Diane Lock, President of NE Michigan Genealogical Society.

Ann Martin of Cheboygan said she recently received a blog wanting everyone to know the Disney Channel will have a Genealogy program presented by 4 kids. Begins in November. Watch for it.

Sue Irvine of Western Mich indicated they have a program on 5-6 November in Grand Rapids. Speaker is Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. Topic on Fri nite is Michelle Obama's Roots, and on Sat the topic is "Are They Who You Think They Are?"

Sue Giesel of the Fact Finders mentioned a workshop on Oct 22d entitled Breaking Down Brick Walls. Flyers on table.

The Eaton Co society will have a bus trip to Fort Wayne in October. Check their website.

Stacy Stoner of Jackson Mentioned their bus trip on 16 Oct. Currently, the Jackson society is renting space from the United Way, and are looking for less expensive space. Her guest is Judith Moulton, former President of the Jackson society.

Sherry Gains of the Grand Traverse society said they are having a Hands On Genealogy program at their local library.

Tom Koselka said the Downriver society is having a bus trip on 28 Sep, check their website. Visitors today are asked to be sure and sign the sign-in sheets.

Pres Cynthia Grostick then adjourned the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Calhoun Co GS	Jim Jackson (D)	Lucindia Wilson (D)
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)	Dorothy Kuck (A)
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (D)	
Cornish Connection	Jeanne Thomas (D)(P)	Carolyn Haines
Dearborn GS	Tom Koselka (A)	Laurine Griffin (D)
Detroit SFGR	Mary Lou Duncan	
Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)	
Eaton Co GS	Jim Collins (D)	Jo Glasgow (A)
Emmet Co GS	Byron Bailey	
Flint GS	Jim Thornton (D)	Barb Thornton (A) Lorene Wilson (D)
Gaylord Fact Finders	Donald & Janet Richlin (D)	
Gladwin Co GS	Barb Curtindale (D)	
Grand Traverse Area GS	Sherry Gaines (D)	Mary Briggs (P) Mary Rose
Gratiot Co GS	Mary Strouse (D)	Barb Curtindale (D)
Harrison Area GS	Barb Curtindale (D)	
Huron Shores GS	Judy Sheldon (D)	
Ingham Co GS	Sam Pardee (D)	
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	
Jackson Co GS	Rosalee Griewahn (A)	Stacy Stoner (D)
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Kenneth Baker (D)	Jim Jackson (A)
Lansing African-American	Melvin J Holly (D)	
Lenawee Co GS	Marilyn Saylor (D)	
Mid-Mich GS	Earl Watt (P)	Ken Howe (D)
Midland GS	Faye Ebach (D)	Beverly Keicher (D)
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)	
Oakland Co GS	Pamela Epple (D)	
Stockbridge Area G&HS	Cynthia Grostick	
Western MI GS	Sue Irvine (D)	Claudia Day (A)

Council Past Presidents: Connie Olson, Ann Martin, Mary Lou Duncan

Guests: Judy Moulton, Sherry Gaines, Mary Rose, Dick & Dee Krueger, Carol Baker (KVGs), Sue Giessel (Pres Gaylord Fact Finders), Carol Lienuth (Gaylord Fact Finders), Lugene Daniels (Huron Shores), Diane Laseck (Northeast MI) Dave Russell (Midland GS), Verna Holley (Lansing)