

Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society
Membership Meeting
Plymouth Congregational Church
May 23, 2012

Minutes

President Barb Heyser asked Earl to welcome guests and invite them to tell surnames they are researching.

Lorri Miller, Mt. Hope Monument, presented a program on Monumental Symbolism – Yesterday and Today.

President Barb Heyser called the business meeting to order.

Old Business

The following slate of officers for 2012-2013 will be voted on at the June 27 membership meeting: President Barb Heyser, Vice Presidents/Program Chairs Joanne Harvey and Sandra Swan, Secretary Regina Fry, Treasurer Karl Rogier, Membership Chair Karla Chamberlain and Historian Joe Dupries.

Recording Secretary – Regina Fry

MOTION I: Grove Sandrock moved acceptance of the March and April membership meeting minutes with amendments. Jim LaLone seconded. PASSED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Rogier

See report on back side of agenda.

Michigan Genealogical Council Report – Ken Howe

There were no reports from the LoM or the Archives. An agreement has been concluded between the Departments of Education, and Natural Resources and Environment to transfer the genealogy collection from the Library to the Archives. Private funds are needed to pay for this move; fifteen societies have pledged donations, including up to \$2000 from MMGS. The Abrams seminar will be July 13 and 14; the featured speaker will be Joshua Taylor. The delegate meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday. The events on Friday are free. The Council's fall seminar, coinciding with Family History Month, will be on November 10 (rather than in October due to football schedules). Tom Koselka reported on legislative activity: MI HB 5404 dealing with site plans and access to landlocked cemeteries is now in committee. Roger Moffat updated the 1940 census indexing project. Indexers for the Council have indexed 243,000 records and arbitrated 67,000; with this, MGC is in 3rd place. The council's ranking is important because the organization with the highest per capita indexing will win a seminar from Family History to be presented anywhere in the United States. The cost to Family History for the seminar is \$6000.

Proposed Amendment to the Leavenworth Proposal (Motion I, April 25)

At the April 25 meeting, a motion regarding a donation to the Michigan History Foundation was made by Joanne Harvey, and then tabled. Judy Pfaff, representing the Executive Board, proposes the following amendment to the motion: AMENDMENT: MMGS give a contribution to the Michigan History Foundation for the purpose of supporting the development or preparation of the Leavenworth Collection for future public use. The contribution will be in the

form of a matching contribution, dollar for dollar up to \$250, from the treasury of MMGS with membership contributions. Specifically if the membership donates \$250, the total donation will be \$500. If the membership donates \$400, the total donation will be \$650. Seconded by Joanne Harvey and Earl Watt. After discussion, the AMENDMENT PASSED and the MOTION, AS AMENDED, PASSED.

Amendment rationale: Spreading the word to members via the newsletter and emails has the potential of raising more than the initially proposed \$500. Our annual income is about \$1500 and our annual budget is about \$2000; up to an additional \$2000 has been committed for the move of the non-Michigan Collection. Our treasury could be depleted within 2 years. We need to reserve some funds for future projects. A donation of \$500 would likely mean that MMGS would need to raise dues within a year or 2 to cover annual expenses.

Newsletter - Jim LaLone. Jim reiterated his request that articles and photos with an ethnic theme be submitted for the newsletter by July 31.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Earl Watt and seconded by Karl Rogier.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina C Fry

Recording Secretary