

MID-MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK - 22 JUNE 2011

President Earl Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing, and introduced guests; Betty Kramer, born in Kentucky with ancestors Campbell, Crooks, Hearst and Phillips; Karla Chamberlain who saw the City Pulse advertisement, ancestors Paine and Mattson; Kathy Emlett, who saw the City Pulse Advertisement, searching Popovich; Paula Rounds, searching Ingalls of Massachusetts; Dolores Clark searching Irish ancestors in Chicago.

Jesse LaSorda, Co-Chair of the Ingham County Historical Commission, presented THE HIGGINS BOYS, co-researched and written by Roni Sionakides and Sharon Patton with Jesse LaSorda. The Higgins brothers were sons of George and Harriet Higgins, the elder two born in Dexter, the others in Lansing. All four served in World War I, two in the Army, one in the Navy and one in Marines. Francis, the youngest, died in World War I. Pictures from the Stebbins Collection in the Local History Room of the Capital Area District Library illustrated. Jesse emphasized that the World War I Census (Military) appears on index cards at the Archives of Michigan in the Michigan Historical Center; the World War I Draft Registrations appear in AncestryLibraryEdition. Corners of the Federal Draft Registrations were cut off, to indicate that the card subject was African American. The Southern Draft Registration Records are largely gone, discarded long ago because they combine African American records with those of whites.

Announcements; Bob Ference has an invitation from the Okemos Public Library and Meridian Senior Center - they need someone to present programs on Ancestry.com and also on use of Heritage Quest.

Old Business: Nominating Committee report, submitted by Joanne Harvey
President - Barbary Heyser and Roni Sionakides
Vice-President and Program Chair - Joanne Harvey and Sandra Swan
Recording Secretary - Sharon Patton and Regina Fry
Treasurer - Karl Rogier
Membership Secretary - Judith Dow
MGC Delegates - Ken Howe and Joanne Harvey
Historian- Yvonne Koos

Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. MOTION: Jack Worthington; I move that Nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the presented slate of nominees. CARRIED.

Committee Chairmanships - Appointed; were announced.

Membership - Judith Dow

Hospitality - Bridget Rogier and Dorothy Alzubaydi

Program - Joanne Harvey and Sandra Swan

Publicity - Jim LaLone

Publications - Judy Pfaff

Liaison to Library of Michigan and Research - Ruth Lewis

Motion: Jack Worthington: To approve the appointed Committee Chairs. CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENT - The Library of Michigan's new budget proposal for 2012 is slightly better with no further cuts.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 8:30 PM.