

**MINUTES OF
THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Friday, October 6, 2006

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society was held Friday, October 6, 2006, at the Best Western Regency Motel, Marshalltown, IA. President Liewer presided and called the meeting to order at 3:52 pm.

Present: Theresa Liewer, President; Joyce Brown, 1st Vice President; Helen Phillips, 2nd Vice President; Bob Aubrey, Secretary; Area Representatives Ray Senior, Peter Seaba, Janice Danielson, Betty Cross; Margaret Foster, Historian; and about 80 other members.

Adoption of agenda as presented

Minutes: motion by Grace Hertz to accept minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting as corrected, second by Sue Rezek. Motion carried.

President's Report: Theresa Liewer.

It has been an extraordinary year, without the efforts of innumerable people, physically and financially, we would not be open. It has been a hard scramble. Most of our efforts during the year have been toward solving our financial problems. Our current mortgage is \$561,000, we have paid out over \$68,000 in extra principal payments this year, most from interest free loans from the members, and some have been outright gifts from members. We talked to the Polk County supervisors about grants available from the gambling assets. The supervisors agreed to an interest free mortgage, but the Des Moines *Register* came out against it, and it fell through. The interest rate has now gone from 5.5% to 8.2% which is an extra \$1000 a month in interest. For the last four months we have paid interest only since we have been paying down so much on the principal

We have paid a couple of the leases off, a couple of the rest are current, and a couple are behind. We are current with our vendors, with our payroll and payroll taxes. We are not yet current with the chapters. This is the life-blood of the chapters.

Our roof has leaked, and seemed to be getting worse, and we have gotten a repair of the back part for \$4,200.00, and has been repaired, with a 5-year guarantee. One member offered \$2100 as a matching grant. Ted Lussem put out the word, and members donated, bringing the amount collected to \$4,220.00 for the project. We have some internal repairs because of the leaks.

We have had an energy audit from Mid American, and they have granted us \$3300 for insulation. Two members came forward and gave us the \$1600 additional that we needed. So the insulating is done, our electric bills are less now, and we are waiting to check the heat expenses.

This month is Family History month and we have been having open houses etc to celebrate it. We are having a trip to Fort Wayne. Still room available.

Closing of Iowa Vital Records. Based on the Patriot Act. Some recorders have misunderstood, thinking that the records are to be closed now. The act has to do with birth records and security. The proposed regulations are projected to come out this fall, and then there will be a 2-year period for comment before things are finalized.

The LDS Indexing program. They are in the process of digitizing their 2,000,000 rolls of microfilm. They plan to be done in 6 years and plan to make it all available on the internet. The Ohio Genealogical Society is participating. We know it is going to happen, whether we are involved or not. We have reported to them that we will participate and we will do Iowa records.

This will be something that everyone can participate in from their homes, and we hope that it will generate more interest in IGS.

We have gaps in our ballots. We need people who will act as regional reps.

This summer, Chuck Prickett, our treasurer, died after a long battle with cancer. He traveled to Des Moines from Mason City every two weeks to do pay roll and pay bills, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Liewer

Theresa presented two financial statements, one for 2005, and the other for the first nine months of 2006. Statements attached. 2005 records were audited by a committee chaired by Tom McGarvey and was presented to the board in April

Election report: Margaret Foster

Margaret presented the results of the election:

President – Theresa Liewer 94 Jeanette Shannon 1

1st Vice President: write-in: Ron Opfer 2, Ted Lussem 1, Myrtle Van Dyke 1, Helen Phillips 1, Joyce Brown 8. Joyce Brown agreed to serve temporarily until a Replacement can be named.

2nd Vice President: George Giesler 1, Margaret Foster 1, Dennis Allen 89

Treasurer: Mary Parks 91

Secretary: Diane Densmore 14, Richard Fleming 77

Region 2 write in – Harvey Henry. (Mr. Henry subsequently declined)

Region 5 write in – Don and Toni Muellert. (The Muellerts subsequently declined)

Region 6 Diane Densmore 1, Ted Lussem 69

Region 7 write in – Mary Lou Rogers. (Ms. Rogers subsequently declined)

Region 13 write in Stan Bastman (Mr. Bastman subsequently declined)

Region 16 write in Beverly Boileau Ms. Boileau is not a member and is not eligible.

Because none of the people who had write-in votes cast for them had been able to be contacted, on the advice of the parliamentarian, the meeting will suspend, to be completed at a five-minute session before departure tomorrow in order to vote on the election report.

Election of 2007 Nominating Committee

Margaret Foster, Phyllis Rothlauf, Dennis Davies, Nicoe Hart, and Sue Rezek volunteered to serve on the committee. Motion made by Janice Danielson, second _____ by to accept the slate. Motion carried.

Questions and comments by the membership:

Some of the county recorders are trying to forbid re-publication of birth and marriage records that are more than 100 years old. As problems arise, contact IGS and we can have someone from the state contact them.

Betty Cross mentioned the Memorial Wall. For \$175.00 you can have the name of any person inscribed on the wall. We have two panels filled, and need about 70 more names to fill the third, which will be engraved and placed after it is filled.

For the rest of the year, we have someone who will donate \$500 a month until the end of the year if it will be matched by others. People have been participating and that has helped pay the bills.

The German Interest Group has donated an Ancestry Library subscription so that we can publicize it and invite people to use it. It is \$1650.00 a year. It is the library edition, it comes with the census records.

We have not yet been able to rent the West Wing. We will continue to look for a suitable renter.

David McDonald has agreed to edit the *Hawkeye* and has asked for help. He asked for submissions. We are planning to reduce the size which will reduce both printing and postage expenses. With help, we can produce a journal of which we can all be proud. Send ideas and articles to Hawkeye@oldnorthwestresearch.com

Lectures from FGS and NGS conferences are available from Lulu.com for \$1.99 each.

Meeting is suspended at 5:02 pm until 12:55 pm tomorrow, October 7, 2006.

Meeting reconvened at 12:55 pm October 7, 2006

Theresa asked for nominations from the floor for region 2, 5, 6, 13, and 16. There were no nominations from the floor for the vacant positions. These will be referred to the Board of Directors for selection.

David McDonald moved to receive the report of the election committee, and to confirm the election of those who won their races. Dennis Davies seconded. Motion carried.

Janice Danielson moved to adjourn, Grace Hertz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Aubrey