

MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE
IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, April 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) Executive Board was held Saturday, April 12, 2008 in the IGS library conference room in Des Moines, Iowa.

Present: Theresa Liewer, President; Denise Gripp, 1st Vice President, Dennis Allen, 2nd Vice President; Barbara Hug, Treasurer; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Alan Neve, Representative for the Regions.

Other IGS Members Present: Margaret Foster, Marcia Martin and Cris Nagla

1. **Call to Order** at 10:12 a.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** – If needed, we can adapt this as the meeting proceeds.
3. **Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee** – Barb Hug and Dennis Allen volunteered for this duty.
4. **President's Report** – (See Attachment 1) – Theresa Liewer reported that she had done a presentation about immigration at Des Moines Area Community College yesterday. She made some good contacts and IGS will be hosting a presentation by two authors next Saturday who wrote books on Iowa subjects. Beginning April 21st, Theresa will begin doing a monthly talk on Iowa Public Radio.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – (See Attachments 2 and 3) – Barb Hug reported that thanks to donations, we have enough to pay our April bills. We had a balance of \$16,120.98 at the end of March. Our monthly expenses continue to be close to \$13,000. We have paid off five leases in the last two years, leaving two leases of another 19 months each.
6. **First Vice President's Report** – (See Attachment 4) – Denise Gripp presented an update on the plans for the Fall Conference to be held October 2-4, 2008. She continues to arrange for speakers for breakout sessions and welcomes any volunteers. We will have a Silent Auction of genealogy-specific items and donations are needed. Denise has added two new classes to our education program and is planning a Member Appreciation Day on July 19.
7. **Second Vice President's Report** – Dennis Allen reported that our membership is down by 235 paid members from last year at this time to a total of 1977 members currently. He has been pursuing on-line databases. This will be discussed later in this meeting.

8. **Staff reports – library and admin** – No staff present. Theresa Liewer presented Billie Murano’s written report (See Attachment 5, 4 pages). Attendance at the library has not been too bad considering our harsh winter. Diane Densmore reported that we have added 270 books to our shelves in the first three months of this year.

9. **Committee Reports**

a. **Computer Committee** – Dennis Davies was absent. Theresa Liewer reported that he has had no problems with the server.

b. **Publication Committee** – Theresa Liewer reported that Dennis Davies has had several large orders for publications.

b. **Nominating Committee** – Margaret Foster reported that her committee has met three times. They have nominees for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, but have found no one to run for President yet.

c. **Grant Committee** – Marcia Martin reported that we have submitted an application for a \$2000 grant from Community State Bank. We have not yet received a reply.

d. **Building Committee** – Theresa Liewer reported we still need to repair the glass on the outside of the building and the roof has developed a new leak.

10. **Old Business**

a. **NGS & Kansas City Bus Trip** – Theresa Liewer reported that we did not have the minimum number for a bus. Other travel arrangements, such as car pooling, will be made for those who have already paid their registration fees.

b. **Hawkeye Heritage** – Barb Hug reported that an issue is near completion. She is still getting price quotes for printing expenses. The goal is a June 1st mailing date.

c. **LDS Indexing Project** – Theresa Liewer reported that after many emails between herself and the contact in Salt Lake City this project has been disbanded. The main problem was determining who owned the original records to get permission for digitizing them.

d. **Online databases** – Dennis Allen reported that he has had discussions with Dennis Davies and Adrian Brisee concerning online databases for IGS. However, we need someone with SQL specific computer abilities to help set up this project. We will send an email to our membership for this assistance.

11. New Business

- a. Town Hall Meeting** – Theresa Liewer reported that having a Town Hall Meeting has been suggested by the Nominating Committee because of the difficulty of finding a person to run for President in this fall's election of officers. This will provide a forum for members to discuss issues facing IGS. A date will be set and published in the next newsletter.
- b. Fund Raising** – Theresa Liewer reported that Barb Hug had suggested that this should be an ongoing item on our meeting agenda. We currently have a challenge to the membership to donate their federal economic stimulus checks to IGS. So far, five people have pledged. Further discussion followed about other fund raising ideas.

12. Calender – The next Full Board Meeting is May 10, 2008 and the next Executive Board Meeting is July 12, 2008.

13. Adjournment – Dennis Allen made a motion to adjourn; Alan Neve seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Diane Densmore, Secretary
Iowa Genealogical Society

Minutes approved by email on April 15, 2008 by Barb Hug and on April 22, 2008 by Dennis Allen. (See Attachment 6, 2 pages)