

**Howard County Genealogical Society**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**January 6, 2007**

**Visitors: Dallas Lunsford and Vicky Myers**

President Tracey Morris called the meeting to order with 22 present.

**Minutes: Pam Carter**

An abbreviated version of the minutes was read.

**Treasurer's Report: Janice Blanchard**

Balance On Hand: December 2 \$5805.04

Balance On Hand: January 6 \$5949.03

Outlays/Expenses: \$479.13

Income: \$620.50

Fund balances: Donation - \$950.44; Grant - \$1000.00; Working balance - \$3998.59. Margaret Cardwell made the motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Cathy Pethoud and passed.

**Book Committee Report: Ron Tetrick**

Two books were presented to Marcia Ford for the library – *Death Records 1911-1992 – Historical and Genealogical Records of Henderson County, KY* and *County Longford: Residents Prior to the Famine* by Guy A. Rymza. The committee is negotiating for a book about Tipton County in memory of Pat Nielander.

**Newsletter Committee Report: Tracey Morris**

The next deadline is January 21. Cathy Pethoud volunteered to proofread the newsletter before it goes to the printer.

**Program Committee Report: Patty Callahan**

Regine Brindle will speak in February about Exploring Podcasts.

**Query Committee Report: Janice Blanchard**

A couple of queries have been received recently.

**Publicity Committee Report: Cindy Stover**

Notices were sent to the newspapers and postcards were mailed. The notice was found in the Kokomo Perspective but not in the Kokomo Tribune.

**Correspondence Report: Tracey Morris**

1. IGS 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference on April 28 at ACPL in Fort Wayne. A vendor table costs \$10 and the decision whether to participate was tabled until next month.

2. GenFest 2007 on June 8-9 at the Marion Public Library. Vendor tables are free. Candy Jones made the motion to have a table and donate a door prize, seconded by Cindy Stover. The motion carried. Door prize suggestions are Cumberland County 1810 Census and Oakford history.
3. Michiana Genealogy Fair on March 17 in Mishawaka. Tracey Morris will find out whether must be a non-profit organization to have a vendor table.
4. IGS Flyer – Indexes to 1890 Soldiers Enrollment Lists now includes more counties. Once a Hoosier Vol. II now available. IN Marriage Indexing Project is beginning.
5. Thank you notes from Marcia Ford for the Hamilton County book and from the Kokomo Park Band for sponsoring a program in 2006.
6. IGS – looking for volunteers to be a County Genealogist. Candy Jones will contact Fred Odiet to see whether he is interested. If anyone else is interested, contact Candy.

### Library Report: Marcia Ford

Traffic	249	Donations to library	88
Queries	29	Donations to archives	0
Online hits	3136	Transfers	6
Purchases	15	Total Acquisitions	109

Visitors to the department increased by .02% in 2007 over 2006. Eighteen volunteers donated 1289.25 hours last year. The digital imaging person should be hired before the meeting next month. Volunteers are needed to prepare the display cases outside the Genealogy Dept. in 2007. Jo Thompson will do March. There will be a Genealogy on the Internet Workshop on February 8, a Genealogy Basics Workshop for the first-time researcher on February 10 and a new session of Climbing Your Family Tree Class March 6 – May 8, all taught by Marcia Ford. Display in January is Honoring our Volunteers and in February is African-Americans of Kokomo.

### Old Business:

Nancy Fivecoate reported on her progress with obtaining non-profit status. The IRS has been unable to find our name in their records. She cannot progress to the next step until this is found. Janice Blanchard gave her another number to try. Other members suggested looking under previous names of the Society.

The Cemetery Walk Committee will meet this month to confirm whether research has been done to the necessary standards.

Tracey Morris may know someone interested in buying the canopy.

The Audit Committee has not met but will schedule a date after the meeting.

### New Business:

None.

### Meeting Adjournment:

Patty Callahan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nancy Fivecoate and passed. Pam Carter won the door prize – a one-year subscription to Family Tree Magazine.

### Program:

Candy Jones spoke about Adoption in Indiana. She gave a short history of why adoption was started and how the laws have changed in Indiana. Adoption research changes as adoption laws change. Each state has their own laws and they vary between completely open to completely closed adoptions. Indiana is the only state that allows an individual to be a guardian ad litem or a confidential intermediary.