

Howard County Genealogical Society
Business Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2007

Visitors:**Program: Ruth Watters**

Ruth Watters brought her friend Shorty from the Windfall/Elwood area. She spoke about the WWII prisoner of war camps that were in the area. There was one in Elwood in 1943 and one in Windfall in 1944-1945. The prisoners were brought to the area to work in the tomato fields and canneries. They had a quota of 40 baskets per day and were paid 80 cents per day. Their pay was kept until the end of the war and given to them upon their release. There were approximately 800 prisoners and 300 soldiers and other personnel. The prisoners were not allowed to work around women and children. The camps were kept secret because there were protests against them.

Pat Tracewell won the door prize.

Minutes: Pam Carter

A shortened version of the minutes was read and accepted after a motion by Cathy Pethoud and second by Margaret Cardwell.

Treasurer's Report: Janice Blanchard

Balance On Hand:	February 3	\$7183.75
Balance On Hand:	March 3	\$6913.74
Outlays/Expenses: \$573.29		Income: \$300.00
Fund Balances – Grant - \$1000.00, Donation - \$1983.54, Working Balance - \$3930.20		

Patty Lundberg made the motion to accept the report and Jim Lyons seconded the motion. It passed.

Book Committee Report: Ron Tetrick

Returning to Remember: Memories from those who were there, German Prisoner of War Camp Windfall, Indiana, 1944-1945, compiled by Helene F. Heath was given to the library. Cindy Stover volunteered to index the book. *Along the Way: Stories Growing Up in "Small-Town" Rural Indiana, 1931-2005* by John C. Walker was presented to Marcia in memory of Marcia Niedler. The books *Marriage Index, LaPorte County, IN, 1921-1925* (\$16.00) and *Marriage Index, LaPorte County, IN, 1926-1930* (\$22.00) were recommended as memorials to Linda Pagel. S/H - \$7.00. Cindy Stover made the motion to purchase the books. The motion was seconded by Linda Oteham and passed.

Newsletter Committee Report: Tracey Morris

The next deadline is April 15. The issue will focus on the military.

Program Committee Report: Patty Callahan

Ron Tetrick will speak on Family History Secret Stories in April on Monday night at the South Branch. May will be Regine Brindle on podcasts. Margaret Cardwell will speak in June about the orphan trains.

Query Committee Report:

Janice Blanchard has a obituary to find.

Publicity Committee Report: Cindy Stover

The meeting notice was not in either the Tribune or the Perspective.

Correspondence Report: Tracey Morris

1. Darke County, OH, Genealogical Society, Inc., will hold their annual workshop on Saturday, May 5.
2. GenFest will be in Marion, IN, on June 8 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. and June 9 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
3. Cindy Stover volunteered to work on the IN Marriage Indexing Project. All records are double-checked and the work can be done online.

Library Report: Marcia Ford

Traffic	249	Donations to library	49
Queries	29	Donations to archives	0
Online hits	5625	Transfers	0
Purchases	3	Total Acquisitions	52

The GLHS Department has a new machine – a Canon 300 microfilm reader/scanner. See Marcia’s report for the rest. Jo Thompson will do a display on Ireland.

Old Business:

The Michiana Genealogical Fair was mentioned. Several people indicated an interest in attending. The Society will have a booth there.

Pat Tracewell asked about the grant money. Marcia Ford explained that it will be used to purchase equipment for digitizing information.

New Business:

Items discussed:

1. Patty Lundberg mentioned that microfilm is hard to read.
2. John Anderson is compiling obituaries from the Kokomo Tribune. He has found that those online are not as extensive as those on the printed page.
3. Marjorie Katzenmeyer and Patty Callahan volunteered to furnish refreshments in April.
4. Ron Tetrick is bringing 17th-20th century heirlooms to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment:

Patty Lundberg made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Pat Tracewell seconded it. The motion passed.