

MINUTES OF THE IRGS MEETING  
January 9, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Indian River Genealogical Society was held on this date in the Main Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Patti Kirk. President Kirk declared that a quorum was present with 89 members and 11 guests.

President Kirk wished to thank Jack O.Caughey who generously offered to make new boxes for our nametags, replacing the plastic ones now being used.

**Minutes Approval:** The Minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Garvey presented the Society's financial report which was submitted for filing and audit.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Beverly Stevens reminded us that she sends cards to members who are ill or on the occasion of a death. Beverly will be sending Praise Reports for anyone having done special research or reached a research milestone.

**Vice President:** Cora Sjogren-Welch reminded us of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 seminar being held in conjunction with the Martin County Genealogical Society at Palm City LDS church. Also a Family History Seminar, sponsored by three Brevard County Societies will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne.

**Standing Committees:**

**Education:** Nancy Broderick, our new Education Chair, urged members to fill out a survey interest form if they had not done so last month. This will help guide her committee to serve us better. A Surname form was also distributed which members can complete and file with Nancy to aid in cross referencing contacts. These forms will be available in the Library. Nancy then introduced various teachers and leaders of GIGs.

**Programs:** Past President Pete Kersey reminded us of the Valentine Seminar on February 10, 2007 at IRCC with speaker Pam Porter. February 8<sup>th</sup> she will give a free computer program upstairs in the Library at 6:30p.m.

**Public Relations:** Mary Mitchell reported she got three free ads at the Press Journal for our Valentine Seminar.

**Membership:** Donna Nightingale reported the above attendance. Marge Evans mentioned we should turn in our nametags for a door prize drawing at the break. There will be door prizes awarded each meeting in the future. Our new nametags have identifying labels i.e. "busy bees" for special activities, "telephone" for that committee, and "apple" for teachers.

**Post Card Book:** Nancy Garvey read Ellen Stanley's report. Volunteers are needed to help market the book. Nancy thanked Ellen for her work. The book should be ready for the Hibiscus/Book Festival in the Fall perfect timing for holiday gift giving.

**Editorial:** Beverly Stevens, new Newsletter editor, asked that any news or articles be emailed to [newsletter@irgs.org](mailto:newsletter@irgs.org).

**New Business:**

President Kirk introduced, Betsy Fisk, as new By-laws chair and Parliamentarian. She also recognized Charlie Kirk and Jim Cooper who provided able assistance with today's meeting. President Kirk noted the death of Pam Cooper's mother on January 1, 2007 and that a sympathy card is available for members to sign.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> Pam Cooper will be doing a program about the update of the **New Heritage Quest Online**. 2008 will be our 25<sup>th</sup> year, therefore, at this meeting we will honor a surprise guest who is one of the original group (not one of 4 founders) is lifelong member.

**Book Missing:** The **Library** book, "Christmas Customs Around the World" was missing after the December meeting. -Nancy Garvey urged return of the book, with no questions being asked. Someone may have inadvertently picked it up.

President Kirk mentioned the ongoing value of the Mentoring Program which she and Donna Nightingale implemented (originally Cindy Davis' concept) and urged members to participate in the future. She then proceeded with the presentation of the first **Merit Awards:**

**Sandra Giani**- Creation of the Grand Prize-winning quilt in Family Tree Magazine's

*Creative Family Trees Contest*. She shared her quilt with us at several meetings.

**Betsy Emerson**- Student of the Year

**Donna Nightingale**-Dedication to achieve a successful Mentoring Program

**Ellen Stanley**-Guiding the Postcard Book to press

**John Liefkort**- Outstanding loyal participant in the French Canadian GIG

**Diane Macgowan, Donna Nightingale, Marge Putske**- GIG leaders

Other recipients were Mentors and participants in those programs.

**Program:** At 11:00 a.m. Jim Cooper introduced our speaker, George G. Morgan.

**"Research in the Major British Records Repositories in London"** was Mr. Morgan's theme. His detailed slide program guided us through the printed outline he provided. Many resources were outlined to stimulate all of us interested in doing research in England. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted:

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