

AAGGMV MEETING April 26, 2008

The April meeting was held at the Lincoln Heights Health Connection Center with a presentation on history of Lincoln Heights by Ms Carolyn Smith. The Miami Erie Canal is what I-75 is built on. Lincoln Heights had their first attempt of incorporation in 1941. That effort was invalidated in court. It took 4 more attempts before incorporation was finally successful. The population is approximately 4300 residents. When the total of 5000 residents is reached they can pursue incorporation as a city and be eligible for more state funding. The land where the General Electric plant is located in Evendale was incorporated after Lincoln Heights received their incorporation. The name for Lincoln Heights was taken from Abraham Lincoln's last name and Grandview Heights. There was a proposal to organize a writing project by one of our guests, which would be funded by them. The Cincinnati Enquirer representative who was present was asked to publicize the event and AAGGMV was asked to help promote it also.

Our May meeting will be held at the Springfield Heritage Center, 117 S. Fountain Street in the Discovery Room in Springfield. Art Thomas will be the speaker and his topic will be "African American Research on the internet.

The Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana will be hosting a Midwest Genealogy Conference during the last weekend of October 2009. Joyce Coleman stated that the Holiday Inn gives special rates to Genealogy researchers.

On May 17, 2008, the Dayton Metro Library will be hosting an Access Ancestry Library seminar from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

There was a brief business meeting following the speaker's presentation

Bob Harris conducted the business meeting. Our current Treasury Report shows a balance of \$1379.11 with one outstanding check to be cleared. We have annual fees of \$200.00 for our member's website at myfamily.com, \$467.00 for administrative fees, which includes our post office box and non profit mailing status. Our newsletter fees have been \$131.77, \$206.42, \$162.72, and \$102.72 for the most recent mailings. The average for mailing has been about

\$150.90. There was some discussion about where to try and have the annual picnic. Fees for having it again at the Melson farm would be \$300.00 for a portable toilet, \$500.00 for a tent rental and then other fees including meat and setup. There was more discussion about other possible places to try and have the picnic. No mention about whether or not it would still be possible to find another location. There was discussion about having another holiday card fund raiser. One company, www.black-gifts.com has cards and other paraphernalia to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

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