

Iowa Genealogical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026

Present: Joe Solem, Lois Trinity, Pam Washington, Kevin Spire, Jennifer Darling, Mark Wheeler, Dennis Allen, Dennis Davies, Theresa Liewer

Treasurer Report

\$28,377 checking

\$74,892 savings

\$5000 PayPal account

\$4000 Banker's Trust account

Mortgage balance: \$176,091

The current mortgage rate is 3.75%; the monthly payment is \$3300. Beginning June 4, 2026, the new interest rate is 6.61%; the monthly payment will be \$2800 per month. IGS is locked into this rate for 5 years. The new interest rate is in line with current market rates.

It was moved and seconded that beginning with the June 2026 payment, IGS pay \$3500 per month and pay off the loan in 5 years. Motion passed.

An audit of the 2025 tax year will be conducted by two IGS members.

Kevin shared an update on the new website design. He has worked 68 hours to date on the redesign. There is still a lot of work left to complete including the transition of the membership database.

At the time the new website launches, we may not have all of the research databases available to access from the website. Kevin expects they will be available within 2-3 weeks after launch.

President Report

Lorna is putting together a new-member orientation for all new IGS members. Event date TBD.

Several board members participated in a Zoom call with both the Minnesota and Wisconsin Genealogical Societies. The purpose of the call was to share information among the groups. Everyone agreed it was time well spent; another call will be scheduled in a few months.

Sidewalk update: FEH received the estimate for repairs. IGS' portion of the total is \$20,000 to repair the sidewalk in front of the building. Joe will get a quote for the retaining wall repair so it will be done at the same time by the people doing the sidewalk repair.

Position Descriptions have been sent to officers; please review and let Joe know what changes you recommend.

Strategic Planning Committee: We are out of space for library materials. Cris has developed a network of people with whom she shares books with and receives materials. We have 30 empty shelves remaining for books. We need to think about options for where we can house additional books.

First Vice President

Jay Fonkert, professional genealogy speaker in Minnesota, offered to do a presentation at IGS (for a fee). Board agrees we should move ahead with this presentation. Lois will check to find out if his \$250 fee is negotiable.

Second Vice President

Membership report from Pam (attached).

It was moved and seconded that IGS not continue with the \$17.76 new-member promotion. Motion passed.

Pam is focused on getting the information out about the new logo. She will not be planning additional free events for this year.

Pam shared some numbers related to setting money aside for a new roof that will be needed in the next 8-10 years assuming no weather events.

Region Representative Report

Mark Wheeler: submitted report on region 13. He is focused on Lyon County.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Darling, Secretary

