

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 19,2012

The meeting was called to order by President Sher Brown at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Barb Smith reported we have 126 members, 20 new this year.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Sher Brown reported the Quest should be out in the next 4 weeks.

GUESTS: Betty Polhamus introduced our guests. Pam Mohr and Olga Matteson from St. Johns, John Gleason, retired Librarian from E. Lansing looking for Goodrich family Karla Chamberlain of Grand Ledge, looking for Haine, Paine, Mattson; Mr Charles Slagle and Greta Wagner Slagle; Mike and Beth Budar.

TREASURER REPORT: Steve Smith reported copies of Balance sheet and Profit & Loss are available on the front desk. Also, the Frontier Days Bake Sale cleared just over \$1,000.00.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL: Delegates Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow attended the September 13, 2012 meeting in Traverse City at the Family History Center.

Library of Michigan update: The Canadian and US Census will stay and they have received 800 City Directory's that will be integrated into the collection.

The speaker Richard Fiddler did a wonderful job on "Traverse City Michigan" 1850 to present.

The pledge of \$80,000.00 to move records, over half is in. Any donations may be made to Michigan History Foundation, P.O. Box 12331, Lansing, MI 48901.

Lucy Mary Kellogg recipient has been selected and will be awarded at the November 8th meeting.

MGC helped in the 1940 census and the next project is US County Death Certificates, all Michigan. If you would like to help, contact MGC.

Monroe County getting a grant for digitizing cemetery records from Chase Bank. If you are a Chase Bank customer you can up the amount by going into Chase on line and voting for this project.

Reach Out digitizing war of 1812 project dollar matching still going on.

Central Michigan received a grant for digitizing newspapers.

Western Michigan Genealogical Society is digitizing Kent County Death Records.

Michigan Gen Council Seminar is Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Michigan Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI. Starting at 9:00 am. Registration, ending at 4:30 pm. Go to mimgc.org/MGCseminar. Speakers are Bill Atkinson, Shirley Hodges, Sam Parde and more. Early bird registration \$35.00 until Oct. 27, 2012 then \$45.00.

Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, is having a Family History Festival, FREE, Sept. 29th, featured speakers George Morgan and Dr. Deborah Abbott.

Western Michigan Gen. Soc., Got Ancestors seminar is Oct. 12th and 13th. Cost is \$44.00 until Sept. 26th then it will be \$54.00. Curty Witcher is speaker "Pain in the Access: Getting More from the internet."

Jackson County Gen. Soc. Bus trip to Fort Wayne is Oct. 5th.

Stockbridge Annual Oak Park Cemetery tour and program is Oct. 14th.

Eaton County bus trip to Fort Wayne is Nov. 3rd, leaving Charlotte and pick up at Marshall Park & Ride lot.

Western Michigan Gen. Soc. Has a 2 day bus trip to Fort Wayne on Nov. 14th and 15th.

Gary Copenhaver reported on the slate of officers for the Federation of Genealogical Societies that need to be voted on by Oct. 1st. Also there are openings for Board of Director's.

Vote for four:

- Jana Sloan Broglin(Swanton, Ohio)
- Gordon Erickson(Alexandria, Virginia)
- Janice A Fritsch(Sandwich, Illinois)
- Darcie M. Hind Posz(Washington, D.C.)
- Kris Rzepczynski(Lansing, Michigan)
- Melissa Skimkus(Ft. Wayne, Indiana)
- Sue Brandes Tolbert(Muskogee, Oklahoma)

Persons receiving the most votes were: Jana Broglin, Kris Rzepczynski, Melissa Skimkus and Sue Tolbert.

Gary also reported on the Sons of Union Veterans will be having a ceremony for George Randall, Civil War dedication at 2:00 pm, Oct. 20th, at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mr. Randall was a member of the 102 Colored Troops,.

OLD BUSINESS: Shirley Hodges reported:

Eaton County Genealogical Society Fort Wayne Bus Trip Nov. 3, 2012. Need to get signed up.

The funds for the State Archives move has been sent.

Shirley also thanked everyone who had anything to do with the Frontier Days Bake Sale, without your help it would not have been such a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcy is still in need of help answering quires from all over the country, and people who stop in at our research library. There is a back log. Monday and Tuesdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm. If you can help.

Sherry Copenhaver reported she can use more help with the probate records, it is easy to do. That takes place Tuesday from 3-5 pm.

Shirley Hodges mentioned that it is so very important that we encourage people to attend seminar's like the Michigan Gen. Council event Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 to show support of the Archives of Michigan and the societies.

Sher announced that there is a room clean up and relocation of materials scheduled for next Thursday, Sept. 27th at 5:00 pm. Bookcases will be added and many books will be relocated. See Shar or Sher if you want to come and help, or just show up.

Break for a snack, and then our speaker for the evening Kris Rzepczynski, on Utilizing Fold3 at the Library and from Home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Shepler, Recording Secretary