

**EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

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

Vice President, Bill Haines mentioned that he needs suggestions for speaker's for next year. All idea's are appreciated and welcomed.

Webmaster, Sherry Copenhaver reported that the website annual fee is due and that her group helping to copy the Probate Records have copied 600 so far. Way to go!!

Membership Secretary, Barb Smith reported we have 128 members and 22 new members this year. Also she will be sending out membership forms shortly. Please get them in before the end of the year.

Treasurer, Steve Smith said the bills are paid and the money is in the bank. Also that bus trip to Fort Wayne netted us \$656.00. Also the negative balance is due to copier repair \$333.70, postage for the Quest \$273.00 and printing the Quest \$235.30.

Gary Copenhaver mentioned that the December, Civil War Sesquicentennial events are listed on a sheet on the front table.

Jim Collins reported on the Michigan Gen Council meeting held Nov. 8, 2012. The Abrams Foundation Collection up date, State Census 1884-1894 is done, but not all counties are available due to fire, and other losses.

The Archives will be open on Saturday's, starting Jan 5, 2013 from 1-5 pm. There is **free** parking on Saturday's. Also that day they will be celebrating that the move of all the books and material from the Library to the Archives is done.

Dave Hinkle gave a talk on Family Search Wiki. It is a good way for societies and members to have a web presence. You can go and put information in, there are no family names.

Access is [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org), Sign in(make a username and password), click on Learn, Click on Wiki, Click go to Wiki, use Key Word : example Eaton County, Michigan and it gives 31 pages on Eaton County. Our society is the second one listed after FamilyHistory.com. January 5, 2013 will be the next Delegate Meeting, topic will be War of 1812-1815 and Michigan Territory involvement.

July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of 2013 will be Abram's Seminar with Delegate meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The speaker will be Dr. Thomas Jones.

The Friendly Forum Oakland Society will be going to Salt Lake City, Utah April 9-13 in 2013. The Michigan Gen Council presented the Lucy Mary Kellogg award for 2012 for an outstanding genealogist in the State of Michigan.

Sam Pardee also mention that the Michigan Gen Council has a program to give Certificates to any military service member for any war who came here and died here in Michigan. Just submit the information. The contact person for the council is Mary Strauss and the information will be housed in the Archives.

On a sad note, Sher Brown reported that the Past Michigan Gen Council President Cynthia Grostick's mother Helen Grostick passed on Nov 9, 2012 at the age of 91. Our Corresponding Secretary Marcie Cousino, mother, Mary Cousino also passed on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. She was 76 years of age. And our Hospitality chairman, Betty Polhamus's sister Arlene Frith passed away on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and she was 89 years of age.

Shirley Hodges mentioned that there will be a bus trip next year, 2013 in November and hope the bus will be full like this year. Also she reported that the Michigan Gen Council Seminar held Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 had 143 pre registered and 167 were there and it went very well and they are hoping to fill the forum next year.

At the Michigan Gen Council meeting held Nov 8, 2012 the Lucy Mary Kellogg award was presented to an outstanding genealogist in the State of Michigan. To be considered for the award the nominee must be a resident of Michigan for 7 years and meet at least four of the required criteria. William Atkinson had the honor of introducing our own Shirley Gage Hodges who more then met these requirements. Congratulations Shirley!!!

Steve Smith, Treasurer introduced the proposed budget for 2013. Bill Atkinson made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Shirley Hodges. Passed.

Steve Smith tendered his resignation as Treasurer, effective immediately. He has been keeping our Society books for at least 16 years.

Sher proposed that to insure bills will be paid her name be put on the checking at Eaton Federal. Motion made by Sam Pardee that Sher be put on the checking account, Seconded by Sherry Copenhaver. Passed.

Randy Tooker a member of our Society presented us with two rare books that almost complete our Pioneer Collection. He donated Volume 23 and Volume 1. We are only missing Volume 27. Thank you Mr. Tooker for such a generous gift.

Our next meeting will be March 20, 2013.

Refreshments were offered.

Our speaker for the evening is Arlene Campanella, talking on Preserving your life Story.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janyce Shepler, Recording Secretary

