

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Haines at 7:05pm.

Bill Haines welcomed a visitor, Marjorie Evarian.

Membership chairman Barb Smith reported we have 125 members.

Treasurer's report is available on the table.

Bill Haines reported that Shirley Hodges was called away from work because Clarence was sent to the hospital, but is doing fine. It was his blood sugar problem.

Meeting was suspended for refreshments and 25th ECGS Anniversary cake, and then our speaker Jim Moses, who gave a talk on "What Else Can Be Found in a Cemetery."

Meeting reinstated at 8:25pm.

Sherry Copenhaver, Web Master, reported that the FGS did review and critique our website and gave some suggestions for improvement.

Old Business:

The **Bus trip to Fort Wayne on Nov. 2, 2013** still has seats available, please get your reservations in.

Bill Haines reported on the Heritage Conference, it went very well and we had excellent speakers and we obtained one new member for our society.

Also the **Cookbook project** is still being worked on, but we are in need of recipes and stories to go along with them if you have them.

We also still need help in our Genealogy room here at the courthouse. Just one day would be a help.

We are still in need of a **Publicity chairman** to put articles in local papers of our meetings and happenings. Bill Haines is handling this temporarily.

Also reported, the Charlotte High School picture project will not proceed. We have the pictures of the individuals in year books, but not as a group. The group pictures are framed and many are not able to be scanned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Haines reported that the FGS has reviewed our By-laws and have made some suggestions on changes and the Board will review them and present them to the general membership for discussion and/or approval.

Bill Haines mentioned we are having a **Strategic Planning session on November 9, 2013 at the First Congregational Church from 9am until about 4pm.** This is an opening meeting for all members to attend and plan the future of our ECGS. There is an online survey that each and every member should fill out and submit, to give us ideas and topics to discuss. We cannot stress enough the importance of everyone's participation.

Conferences and meetings of interest:

Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan Annual Seminar October 19, 2013

MGC Fall Seminar, October 26, 2013

Lansing Family History Seminar April 26, 2014, at the LDS Library in East Lansing.

Derek Davey Ireland Genealogical Tour April 26, 2014 to May 4, 2014, a study tour to Ireland, contact Mr. Davey at his website.

Next month's meeting will be Nov. 13, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janyce Shepler, Recording Secretary.