

**EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**APRIL 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Sher Brown at 7:10pm.

Our guests this meeting were the husbands of some of our members, Vern Jones, Ralph Mulleson, and Jim Kindell, welcome. We also welcome Harold Holcomb, who is a member, but this was his first meeting.

The meeting was suspended for our speaker, Katherine Willson, from Ann Arbor. She had two topics, Using Google before using Family Search and Ancestry, and The Importance of a Codicil to your Will for you genealogy records.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00pm.

Our speaker, Katherine, mentioned she will be speaking at the Ionia County Genealogical Society, next month and she is on Facebook.

**Membership Chairman:** Barb Smith reported we have 112 members and we have 12 new this year. Your new membership card has the password on it, and you can use it after May 1, 2014.

**Treasurer:** Sher Brown, gave summary of her report and is on the back of your agenda. Her second hat is that of **Quest Editor** and it should be out in May.

**Librarian:** Sharlene Thuma mentioned the mini take home packets available on the carts, please sign out the packet you are taking home.

Sher Brown mentioned that Randy Riley is now the new State of Michigan Librarian.

**Webmaster:** Sherry Copenhaver talked about getting access to the Cloud for more computer storage area.

**Computer Chairman:** John Evans and Sherry mentioned the Heartbleed Virus, and that it can retrieve memory from some servers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sherry Copenhaver reported that the Probate packets are almost done with the letter C and will be starting D soon. Scanning is on going. See website for day and time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Phyllis Widden gave us the list of our new slate of officers, voting will take place at next month's meeting. They are: President-Bill Haines

Vice President-Charles Chamberlin

Treasurer-Sher Brown

Recording Secretary- Jan Shepler

Corresponding Secretary-Marcie Cousino

Membership Secretary-Barb Smith

Trustee-Liz Jones, we have one(1) vacancy to fill.

Thanks to the nominating committee of Shirley Hodges, Phyllis Widden, and Sue Thompson.

The Charlotte Community Library Scanning Project is on going and you do not need to be into genealogy to help, and they are in alphabetical order on our website.

Sherry Copenhaver also mentioned that CMU is offering grants to 5 libraries for digitization of Michigan newspapers and that the Lansing District Libraries are in the running. It is awarded by popular vote, and the website to vote is:

<https://digmichnews.wutoo.com/forms/vote-for-your-library-to-win>. These grants are available every year and we will apply again.

Sherry Copenhaver reported that the Charlotte Community Library is having a workshop for children to create a family tree, May 31, 2014 at 1:00pm. There is also a Genealogy Merit Counselor available with the Boy Scouts. Ages are 8-16years.

Also a Work Bee here at our genealogy society will be held May 17, 2014, starting at 11:00am to work on Vault # 3 to organize and make an inventory.

Sherry Copenhaver, presented a gas gift card to our very dedicated volunteer Phyllis Widden. We will be presenting our dedicated volunteers with little surprises in future drawings. Our society would not survive without them.

ECGS has a Facebook page and we have 158 on it so far.

Conferences and Seminars of interest:   Lansing Family History Seminar 4/26/14, E. Lansing  
Derek Davey Ireland genealogy tour 4/26-5/4/2014  
Nat'l Genealogical Soc. 5/7-5/10/2014, Richmond, VA  
Abrams Seminar 7/18-7/19/2014, Lansing  
Fed. Of Genealogical Soc. 8/27-8/30/2014 San Antonio  
Mich. Gen. Council Archives Fall Family History 11/1/2014,  
Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Jan Shepler, Recording Secretary