

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Haines at 7:00pm. There were 26 members in attendance.

We did have one guest, Mr. Phil Howard who is doing research.

Meeting was suspended for refreshments and our speaker this month, Shirley Hodges, who gave a talk on the subject of Newspaper Research, "A Pot of Gold".

Meeting reconvened at 8:15pm.

Judy Chamberlain mentioned she had a ECGS shirt, size medium that is to large for her and if someone was interested she would sell it for \$13.50.

Bill Haines mentioned that two members from our ECGS have received the Heritage Award for their volunteer work. Sharlene Thuma and Phyllis Whidden. Congratulations to both!!

We want to thank Janice Sedore for giving us some Sunfield records. A lot of them.

Bill Haines reported that Barb Smith gave him the membership up date of 120 members.

Sharlene Thuma thanked everyone that is helping with the take home projects.

Jim Collins and Joe Glasgow our MGC Delegates reported that Kris Rzepczynski that they had a booth at the Ohio Genealogical Society in Sandusky and plan to have one in Columbus, Ohio next year. July 18 and 19 is the Abrams Seminar. The Second Friday in July the Archives will have an evening lock in with Pizza. Registration is on line with limited seating. The Michigan Death Records from 1921-1938 are coming and moving forward to 1952 as the law allows. Family Search has in index for the 6 million records. The new State Librarian is Randy Riely, and he plans to stay focused on developing and collections. **The State Library is open 2nd Saturday of each month as a test in hope of staying open every Saturday.** Next MGC meeting will be at the Michigan Library in the Forum, July 10, 2014 at 11:00am. Anyone is welcome. The dues for our Society has increased this year to \$40.00. Also the Gen Council is or will be using Easy Net for the web site.

Sherry Copenhaver mentioned that the land records index is available on our web site from the membership page. Also library scanning of the Preston Boyd collections is ongoing and about 1/3 complete.

Sherry also mentioned the take home projects on the table, and how helpful it has been for members to take these home at do the listings or what ever is required. Remember to please sign the project out and when it is returned you will need to sign it back in.

Bill Haines reported that John Evans had checked out our computer system and we now have a plan on getting it up to speed with Windows 7. Also our computer storage is now being backed up and also in the Cloud. Sherry Copenhaver is loading into the Cloud now.

Bill Haines thanked Chairman Shirley Hodges, along with Sue Thompson and Phyllis Whidden for working on the slate of new officers for the year.

They are: President – Bill Haines
Vice President – Charles Chamberlain
Treasurer - Sher Brown
Recording Secretary – Jan Shepler
Corresponding Secretary – Marcie Cousino
Membership Secretary – Barb Smith
Trustee vacancy (1) – Liz Jones

Marcie Cousino made a motion that the slate of officers as stated be unanimously be accepted. Seconded by JoeAnn Nehmer. Motion carried.

Bill Haines mentioned that some appointed positions will be vacant, Historian for one, as Betty Goostrey is stepping down. Historian keeps pictures and articles of the comings and goings of our Society. If anyone is interested please see Bill or any officer.

Shirley Hodges remind everyone of the up coming bus trip to Allen County Library, November 1, 2014.

Sherry Copenhaver mentioned that you do not have to be a member to work on projects.

Next month talk will be Jessica Miller from State Archives on making resources more available.

Conferences coming up:

Abrams Seminar, July 18 and 19, State Library of Michigan, Lansing
Indiana Historical Soc. Genealogy conference, Aug 1st and 2nd, Indianapolis
Federation of Genealogical Soc., Aug 27thru 30, 2014, San Antonio, Texas
MGC/Archives Fall Family History Event Nov. 1, 2014, Lansing

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Shepler, Recording Secretary.