

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2014

Call to Order - 7:00 PM. New people were welcomed to the meeting.

Round tables had been set up in our meeting room for an upcoming event, and we found that we liked that format better than rows of chairs. We will try to have this setup in the future.

We introduced Jesse Lasorda and he gave a presentation about the Michigan Boys Training School. Jesse had a 1910 old Charlotte fountain postcard and 1911 Charlotte home postcard that he gave to the winner of two trivia questions.

President Bill Haines then explained recommendations from the Members Benefits Committee. Some items will be changed effective with the 2015 year and others are effective now.

Meeting format: We will greatly reduce the business meetings and use our time in a more social fashion. We will have pre-meetings with various themes each month.

Dues & Member Benefits - Beginning with the year 2015 membership, we will no longer have the Quest. In its place, we will provide a digital monthly newsletter that will give the business information, along with any news about our members. In addition, members may submit queries and/or family history to be included. We plan to raise the dues to \$25 per household and with this income, we plan to purchase more resources, such as Ancestry subscription for our library and more information on the website. Volunteers (which include officers and committee chairs) will have a \$5 discount on membership. We have a list of more items that members would benefit from, such as discounts on purchases.

The second issue of the Quest for 2014 has been printed and was available for people to pick up. Sue Bellows volunteered to put together the final issue of the Quest. People can email Bill any articles or information and he will get this to Sue.

Membership Book forms were available for the new booklet we are putting together and several people filled them out.

Bake sale was discussed; we need baked goods and people to work the bake sale.