

**EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The Executive Board meeting of the Eaton County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Bill Haines at 6:30pm.

Treasurer report is unavailable at this time.

Job descriptions of all Board Members and Committee chairs need to be wrapped up. Discussion held on making sure if someone was needed to step in to a position they would have a detailed description of what that Board or Committee chairs has done and the steps needed for each project. Current Board and Committee chairs Please have descriptions in by Oct. 6, 2014.

Computer upgrades; Discussion held on the timing of getting our programs installed, and the possibility of hiring someone to come in install them and John Evans maintain them. Bill Haines will contact John on this matter.

Historian position, **still no volunteer** for keeping the history of our Society. We need to collect photos, newspaper articles about our Society and its members and organize a scrapbook for preservation.

A vote to Modify Income/Charges/Prices as recommended by Member Benefit Committee: Dues effective January 1, 2015 will be \$25.00. Soda and Water and Snack prices will be \$.75. Research done beyond initial database look-up: \$20.00 plus copying charges and postage. Motion made by Charles Chamberlain, seconded by Barb Smith. Discussion, Published Volunteers are due \$5.00 discount. If you are a volunteer and are not on the published list, please contact any Board Member or Trustee. And Paypal option will be accepted. Motion passed unanimously

Quest input, articles are due November 1, 2014, Sue Bellows has agreed to do the final Quest. Discussion was held on the trouble with the Type in the last Quest issue and the need for the printer to provide a proof copy before going to print. We will ask for a proof copy and Barb Smith has agreed to proof that copy. Articles need to be sent electronically in print ready form to Bill Haines at hainesw@msu.edu

Bus Trip to Fort Wayne Library, November 1, 2014 there are only 16 or 18 seats left. Please get in your reservation.

Frontier Days Bake Sale recap: We have a gross amount, \$1,251.60, but still need to add any monetary donations and take out all expenses. It should be almost equal to last years. Net figure should be available at our regular meeting.

Backups for "Critical Positions" Lengthy discussion was held on need for support in the area of Treasurer, and the possibility of hiring a person or firm to do the monthly bookkeeping. Then have the Treasurer take care of collecting monies and writing checks. Sherry Copenhaver will check into what is required of us and a bookkeeping service. The other key position is Webmaster, Sherry reported most of the information someone could step in and do, but sources of specific data would be more difficult. This is another reason for job descriptions. There may be a need for more outsourcing, but this does include more cost.

**NEW BUSINESS:** New Membership applications needed to reflect Dues change and Paypal option and the \$5.00 discount for volunteers.

The need for a suggestion box was brought up, and Charles Chamberlain will be bring one in for our regular meeting.

Discussion held on changing the term of Board Members from January to December 31 to coincide with the fiscal year of our Society. Sherry Copenhaver made a motion to change the By-Laws for current officers terms to be extended and run from January 1 to December 31, 2015. Seconded by Charles Chamberlain. Discussion, it needs to be on September 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. Motion passed.

Agenda for September 17, 2014 meeting will include a round table pre-meeting at 5pm about surname sharing and social hour, then our Society Welcome, our speaker on vintage postcards, a break for snacks and a brief meeting. Also if anyone is interested in eating, usually at 5pm there is a dinner at the Eaton Place and after wards you can join the pre-meeting at the courthouse.

The Eaton County Heritage Conference is Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9am to 2pm in Eaton Rapids, MI at the Miller Farm, 635 State St. Eaton Rapids, 48827. Registration forms are available and need to be in by September 18, 2014 to the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society, 635 State St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827, Atten: Heritage Conference. Sharlene Thuma and Phyllis Whidden of our Society will be receiving Heritage Awards at this conference. Yeh!! ECGS and Thank You Ladies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janyce Shepler, Recording Secretary