

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Social and sharing time before regular meeting, 5-7pm.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Charles Chamberlain at 7:00pm. Charles welcomed everyone and new members, June Sommers and Don Couzens.

The regular meeting was suspended for our speaker this evening, Julie Kimmer on Vintage Holiday Post Cards.

Shortly after wards we had refreshments, cookies supplied by Jo Glasgow, Yum!

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:45pm.

First order of business was the mention of the up coming By-Law change being proposed to change the current term of officer's to coincide with our Societies fiscal year. It will read: **OFFICERS:**

1. The elected officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees (3). The President may appoint chairpersons as deemed necessary with the approval of the Executive Board.
2. Officers shall be elected by ballot or verbal vote annually at the **NOVEMBER** Membership Meeting with terms beginning **JANUARY 1** and continue in office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualify. A Trustee shall be elected each year for a three-year term to fill the expiring term.
3. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute and election.
4. No member shall be elected to the office of President for more than four full consecutive years.
5. Vacancies in office, other than the President, shall be filled by appointment of the President to fill out the unexpired term, with the approval of the Executive Board. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall become President.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. The order of business of all meetings shall be, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Reading of the minutes
 - c. Reports of officers
 - d. Reports of committees
 - e. Old Business
 - f. New Business
 - g. Election of officers (held annually at **NOVEMBER** Membership Meeting)All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Charles Chamberlain mentioned the **Surname Board** and recommended that everyone check it out, you may have a relative you did not know about.

The Treasurer's report is available on the side table.

Sherry Copenhaver mentioned that next month's **pre-meeting is 5-7pm** here at the courthouse, and **Novembers, pre-meeting** will be discussing **Training on the use of our Society website**.

Charles Chamberlain reminded us that the final **Quest** booklet will be sent out in November, and any articles need to be in by the deadline date of November 1, 2014. Most of the following **Newsletters** will be transmitted electronically, arrangements can be made for a paper copy.

Charles mentioned that everyone needed to check our the **Membership Dues and Benefits 2015** sheet for changes coming as of January 1, 2015. It is also available on line. Also, you will be able to pay your dues by **Paypal**.

ECGS Tab collar shirts and T-shirts will be ordered. If you want one you will need to get your name, address and telephone number, size, how many and a check in ASAP, to Bill Haines. They are mens sizes. Tab Collar shirts Sml-Ex-Large are \$13.50, 2X and larger are \$15.50. For T-shirts the price is \$9.00 for Sml-Ex-Large and \$11.00 for 2X and larger.

A reminder that **Take Home Projects** are available, see Sherry Copenhaver, or Shar Thuma. Just sign them out, take home and bring back when finished.

Sherry Copenhaver would like everyone interested in the **Membership Book**, to get your information in and you can include your picture. Get info to Sherry.

Up coming events:

Sept 20, 2014 is the Eaton County Heritage Conference in Eaton Rapids, 635 State Street, 9am to 2pm. Two of our Society members will be honored by the Historical Commission with a Heritage Award, Sharlene Thuma and Phyllis Whidden.

Bus Trip, November 1, 2014, 7am meet at courthouse in Charlotte. Only 10 seats left. Form is available on our website.

Federation of Genealogical Societies, Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 11-14, 2015.

We now have a Suggestion Jar, this is to help improve our Society with any helpful hints or criticisms .

Check out our great website, and also Facebook.

This year in the winter, instead of not having a meeting, we are thinking of having workshops centered around a special interest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Janyce Shepler, Recording Secretary.