

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Charles Chamberlain at 7:00pm. Charles welcomed all visitors and new members. We had 34 persons in attendance. Visitors included John & Janet Foster, John Campbell, Pat Campeon and Angela Well.

Sherry Copenhaver reported on our pre-meeting, with pizza supplied by our Society and her presentation of Navigating our ECGS website. Great job Sherry!

Charles Chamberlain reported that this is the last of our regular monthly membership meetings until March 18, 2015. But, we are going to try having Special Interest Programs in January and February. Subjects include, Military Service of Eaton County Residents, How to Write Your Family History, and Eaton County History.

Charles Chamberlain mentioned some of the up-coming speakers for next year. Julie Kimmer's husband, on antique navigation instruments, April, Civil War Rail Road in area and May, about DNA.

We are in great need for volunteers to help as back ups in the following areas in case one or more of our current chairman's or officers is unable to perform their duties. Bookkeeping, Web Master, Membership, Bus Trip to Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, our Bake Sale held during Frontier Days in Charlotte. Please consider helping. Contact any Board Member or our ECGS Office.

Charles Chamberlain brought up the vote for the ECGS 2015 Budget which includes an increase in our dues to \$25.00. Motion made by Liz Jones to accept the 2015 Budget, seconded by Joann DePeel. Motion carried.

Next item up for vote is the By-Laws change. The Officers shall be elected by ballot or verbal vote at the November Membership Meeting with terms beginning January 1, 2015 and continue in office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualify. Present Officers have agreed to stay in office until December of 2015. Along with the Deletion of Order of Business. Motion made by Sherry Copenhaver, to accept the By-Law changes, seconded by Barb Smith. Motion passed. Copies of these changes have been passed out for the last couple of months and copies were available this evening.

Sherry Copenhaver mentioned that we are now able to pay our dues and/or purchase ECGS publications through PayPal on our website. Also the new membership password will be available around February 1, 2015. It will included with your membership card. Barb Smith, Membership Chairman reiterated the need for your renewal forms or new membership forms be filled out and given to her. The forms filled out on PayPal will be given to her also.

Meeting suspended for our speaker, Janet Skipper. Her presentation was on Researching and Genealogy of Old Houses and Buildings.

Charles Chamberlain thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Refreshments supplied by Joe Glasgow were enjoyed.

Respectfully Submitted, Janyce Shepler, Recording Secretary