

## Board Meeting for March 9, 2016

The February 2016 board meeting was held at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse ECGS Library room on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Chuck Chamberlain, Marcy Cousino, Dianna Emerson, Sherry Copenhaver, Sher Brown, Shirley Hodges, Bill Haines, Sharlene Thuma, Doug Emerson, Gary Copenhaver & Sue Thompson attended.

The February 2016 minutes: Shirley moved to accept the minutes and Sher seconded. Motion passed.

The Balance Sheet for January 2016 report: Shirley moved to accept and Sherry seconded. Motion passed.

Sher explained a detailed handout of upcoming expenses in the near future.

Pay Pal Report: Chuck reported that Pay Pal can be used as a debit and a credit and asked Sher to request debit and credit cards from Lafcu, where our Pay Pal account is.

Dianna reported 114 members. She will check into sending postcards to those who had bad emails kick back to her to see if they would like to update their emails and possibly renew their membership.

Dianna volunteered to bring refreshments for the March meeting and has made a signup sheet to pass around at the meeting.

Digitizing Microfilm - Sherry, Marcy & Sue (who are the committee at this point) met with the Historical Commission on March 1<sup>st</sup> and had a quote from Central Michigan University (CMU) for 13 cents per page to digitize microfilm. The committee proposed this as a county-wide project with many joint fund raising efforts. The Historical Commission is in favor of this and explained to us that we would need a bank account under a 501c-3 and Julie thinks CSA will be willing to provide this under their umbrella with Dave Smith doing the legal work of the Doing Business As paperwork. All funds raised will go into this new bank account. We asked ECGS to support asking our membership for \$2000.00 to begin the project. Much discussion. Nothing decided except to wait for another month. Marcy and Sue will present the project at the March meeting.

By-Laws: Chuck noticed that there are specific items in the order of the meeting and it was discussed that it should be changed to something more simply: "The order of the meeting shall be at the discretion of the board."

Sherry met a gal who may be interested in working on our publications for us, for a fee. Sherry will show her our existing publications and work with her and the board on this.

Chuck asked Sharlene to get with Julie about the lock on our room door as it does not always lock properly.