

ECGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11, 2016

The May meeting for the Eaton County Genealogical Society Board was called to order by the President, Charles W. Chamberlain, at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Chuck Chamberlain, President; Kent MacDonald, Vice President; Marcy Cousino, Corresponding Secretary; Dianna Emerson, Membership Secretary; Shirley Hodges, Trustee; Liz Jones, Trustee; Doug Emerson, Member; and, Clarence Hodges, Member.

The minutes from the April 13, 2016, Board meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Shirley Hodges and seconded by Liz Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Sher Brown was not present to provide the Treasurer's Report and she will distribute the report as soon as possible.

The Membership Secretary reports there are 130 members for the 2016 calendar year of which fifteen are new to the group. Board members were given copies of the current membership list.

Old Business

PayPal status – Chuck Chamberlain needs to contact Sher Brown, Treasurer, regarding the status of the bank account before he contacts PayPal.

Refreshments – Kent MacDonald will bring for the May 18th meeting with Dianna Emerson as a backup person.

Computer Updates – No report from John Evans as he was unable to attend the meeting. Chuck and Kent discussed the presentation equipment for the speaker at the upcoming meeting. Chuck will contact John Evans to make sure the laptop connects to the projector and has access to wi-fi prior to May 18th as required by the speaker.

Eaton County Historical Newspaper Project – Marcy Cousino indicated she had attended meetings at the Eaton County Historical Commission and Bellevue Township, who runs the Bellevue Library. The Commission has granted \$1,000 for the Project. Another \$1500 is needed to proceed with the first goal of \$2,500. Marcy asked the Board to donate funds to the project. Since the Treasurer was not present the request has been tabled. Marcy will be passing a "hat" for donations at the meetings. The Board approved putting a link on the ECGS website to the Project website. (Motion by Kent MacDonald and seconded by Liz Jones.) Sherry Copenhaver is also involved with the Project. Roughly \$25,000 will cover digitizing all known sources of newspaper microfilm in Eaton County (13 cents per image). Central Michigan University is doing the work, but they will not be the host site. The Board thanked Marcy and Sherry for being advocates for this Project.

By-Laws Review – The proposed change to the By-Laws will be presented to the membership on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, for a vote. The current Article XIII Order of Business #1 and #2 will change to this proposed language –

1. The order of business of all meetings shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. Election of officers will be held annually at the November membership meeting.
3. All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedures.

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Office Phone System – Kent MacDonald has been researching phone options and will present his report soon.

New Business

Chuck has scheduled speakers for May and June.

May 18, 2016 – Speaker is Gail Junion-Metz “Family Search and Research Tips”

June 15, 2016 – Jeff Mason “Breaking through Brick Walls and Re-Awakening Dead Ends”

Kent is working on arrangements for a speaker regarding the Eastern Star and another with Lori Fox regarding Newspaper Research. Shirley stated she also does the same topic.

Shirley Hodges asked if anyone was going to attend the 2016 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. ECGS needs someone to take handout information to the event regarding membership to ECGS, etc.

Shirley suggests the two alternate Council Delegates be named in case the regular delegates cannot attend the Michigan Genealogy Council Meetings. There is no one to attend the meeting on May 12th. The Board agreed.

The ECGS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Moved by Liz Jones and seconded by Shirley Hodges.

The next Board meeting is on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the ECGS office. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Dianna Emerson