EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 18, 2016

The meeting of the Eaton County Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:00 pm. By President Charles Chamberlain.

First item presented was the Allen County bus trip, November 5, 2016. Please get your reservations in early. Sign up sheets are available on our web site or at our Library office.

Marcie Cousino presented a project she is working on called Eaton County Historical Newspaper Project. It is a separate organization looking to digitize all Eaton County Newspapers from microfilm. Donating to this organization is tax deductible through the Courthouse Square Association-Eaton County Historical Newspaper Project, PO Box 411, Charlotte, MI 48813. Marcie mentioned she had made contact with a gentleman in New York who would digitize the microfilm for a lot less cost then going through Central Michigan University. Discussion held.

Next item of business is a By-Laws change. The presented By-Laws change was stated incorrectly and a motion to amend the proposed change correctly would read Executive **Board**, **NOT Board of Directors**, as per our By-Laws. Motion to amend the presented By-Law change was made by Dianna Emerson, Seconded by Kent McDonald. Motion passed. The corrected amendment to the By-Laws would be changed from:

Article XIII 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)
 - 2. All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Changed to:

Article XIII Order of Business

- 1. The order of business of all meetings shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- 2. Election of officers (held annually at November Membership meeting)
- 3. All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Motion to approve amendment to By-Laws as amended made by Bill Atkinson, Seconded by Gary Copenhaver. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned for our Speaker Gale Junion-Metz on Family Search & Research Tips.

The before meeting social time was well attended. Shirley Hodges gave a short presentation on our ECGS.

Also mentioned was the Writers Group Shirley is heading up. It meets the second Saturday of the month at the Charlotte Courthouse from 10:00 am. To noon.

Refreshments were enjoyed after the speaker's talk at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Shepler, Recording Secretary.