

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2017

PRESENT: Sher Brown, Chuck Chamberlain, Judy Chamberlain, John Evans, Shirley Hodges

ABSENT: Dianna Emerson, Liz Jones, Becky Kendall, Kent MacDonald, Sharleen Thuma, Marijo Wakley

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by the President, Chuck Chamberlain. No quorum.

The meeting was supposed to have been on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, but was rescheduled due to the weather.

REPORTS:

- Marcy Cousino, Newspaper Digitizing No report
- Sher Brown, Treasurer:
 - No printed report as the bank statement had just been received. The following bills have been paid:
 - Rent for the year
 - \$1,000 to the Newspaper Project
 - Reimbursement for toner
 - The insurance will be due soon as well as the phone bill, which she pays 4-5 months at a time. Also, the cost for the volunteer breakfast in April will be \$400. Current checking balance is \$2,495.
 - There was a discussion about the insurance. Sher will get a copy of the insurance policy to Chuck for review. A bond for the treasurer also needs to be done (this will be about \$100). We need to check with Court House Square to see if we are covered under their liability policy whenever we have activities in the building.
 - Sher will check with PayPal regarding the account with them and the debit card as she has some questions as to how this works.
- Judy Chamberlain, Minutes
 - The minutes from the February 15, 2017, board meeting were emailed to the board members. Not approved since no quorum. Need to obtain approval of the minutes by email when they are sent out to board members so we don't have to be concerned about not having them approved.
- Dianna Emerson, Membership
 - 112 members as of March 9, 2017 (per email sent out by Dianna on March 9, 2017).
 - Shirley will be speaking at an Eaton Rapids meeting as well as leading two workshops at the Lansing Family History Seminar. She will be promoting ECGS at these meetings, so suggested that members who are attending the Family History Seminar take membership applications and bus trip forms.
- John Evans, Technology
 - John has purchased and installed Network Attack for protection for the computer systems. He still needs to come up with a place to put the WIFI extender.
 - His receipts for the Network Attack, WIFI extender and any other purchases need to be submitted to the treasurer for payment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Review – Judy had printed copies of the Bylaws and Procedures from the website, but they don't seem to be the correct ones. The Trustees were not listed as voting members of the Executive Board, but the Editor of the Quest is. Sher suggested that we check with Barb Smith to see if she has the latest versions on her computer. Judy will do this and also see if she can find copies in the office and check those.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day – Still need to know who is invited for this. Sherry Copenhaver provided a list of those working on the probate packets. An announcement will be made at the March and April meetings and put in the newsletter asking those who have volunteered in any capacity to let someone know.
- Frontier Days – Need a coordinator. Dianna Emerson has volunteered to maintain the sign-up sheet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Speakers for March, April and May. There was a discussion regarding this since it was still not known if a speaker has been contacted for the March General meeting. A couple of suggestions were made for topics which included World War I as this is the 100th anniversary and having county clerks from surrounding counties speak on what records are available at their locations. The following programs are being scheduled:
 - March – Shirley Hodges speaking on “Little Known Facts about the Census”.
 - April – Shirley will contact Cindy Grostick to see if she still does a program on both World Wars. NOTE: Cindy will speak on “We Want You—U.S. Military Records for the World Wars”.
 - May – Sher Brown will contact either the Calhoun County clerk, since Eaton County and Calhoun County were together at one time, or the Bellvue Historical Society
 - June – still need an idea for this one
 - July – Chuck will check to see if Gail Junion-Metz from the Family History Center has new information on using FamilySearch as there is a new version. Also will include a potluck.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- ECGS General Meeting – March 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. with a social/research time at 5:30 p.m.
- The Writer's Group – Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the office. Speakers will include Joe Pray from Pray Funeral Home, Sherry Copenhaver on scrap booking, and ideas for family reunions.
- Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society – March 22, 2017, at the Family History Center, 431 East Saginaw, East Lansing. A business meeting will be at 6:30, followed by the speaker Dan Earl on “Ancestors in Context: Putting History in Your Family History.”
- Lansing Family History Seminar – April 22, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Family History Center, 431 East Saginaw, East Lansing. For information on the classes, presenters and activities, visit their website at www.Lansingfhc.org.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary.