

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017

PRESENT: Chuck Chamberlain, Judy Chamberlain, Marcy Cousino, Dianna Emerson, Shirley Hodges, Liz Jones, Sharlene Thuma

ABSENT: Sher Brown, John Evans, Becky Kendall, Kent MacDonald

VISITOR: Doug Emerson

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by the President, Chuck Chamberlain.

REPORTS:

- Judy Chamberlain, Minutes
 - The minutes of the July 13, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Shirley Hodges that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by Liz Jones. Motion passed.
- Sher Brown, Treasurer
 - A report for May 2017 had been emailed to the board members.
- Dianna Emerson, Membership
 - There are 143 members, including two new ones in July.
- Marcy Cousino, Newspaper Digitizing
 - Seven rolls of film for Middleville in Barry County were sent out and have been received. The next batch to go will be for the Springport Signal in Jackson County. The committee has not heard back from the State of Michigan regarding the purchase of rolls of film from them for papers we do not have.
- John Evans, Technology
 - No report given at the meeting, but he did send out an email stating he has been working on getting updates done to the system and antivirus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bylaws and Duties of the Officers, Committee Chairs and Committees – Judy Chamberlain presented the corrections that she and Chuck have found that need to be made to the By-laws document and to the Duties of the Officers, Committee Chairs and Committees document. Several different versions of these documents were compared and a list made of changes. A copy of this document is attached. A motion was made by Liz Jones that Judy make the changes to the By-laws as discussed. This includes adding Article XIII, as revised at the May 18, 2016, membership meeting, back into the document, renumbering the rest of the articles and footnoting all of the revisions. The motion was seconded by Shirley Hodges. Motion passed. The changes are to be presented to the Board for approval at the September board meeting; presented to the membership at the September meeting; the final vote to be done at the October membership meeting.
- Nominating Committee – The committee consists of Marcy Cousino, Shirley Hodges and Sharlene Thuma. They are developing a list of possible contacts. The elected positions that need to be filled at this time are president, vice president, recording secretary, and one trustee.

- Frontier Days – Dianna Emerson will be the coordinator on Friday and Phyllis Whidden has agreed to do Saturday. A coordinator is still needed for Sunday. Dianna has prepared a signup sheet and has asked for volunteers. So far there has not been a lot of response.
- Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library – there are still seats available for this trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sharlene Thuma, the librarian, mentioned that there should be something that states we are a non-circulating library. A motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain that the statement “The library of the Society is a non-circulating library. All resources are to remain on the premises.” Motion was seconded by Liz Jones. Motion passed. NOTE: Upon further investigation, there is an Operational Policies document that includes this.
- Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates – Dianna Emerson has agreed to be a delegate. One other person is still needed. A suggestion was made of one person who might be interested. Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow will be the alternates.
- Speakers – The speakers for the rest of the year are as follows:
 - August 16 – Linnea Shaw “Swedish Genealogy”
 - September 20 – Dan Earl “Putting History in Your Family History”
 - October 18 – Lori Fox “Did I Really Read That?”
 - November 8 – Shirley Hodges “The Role of Women in World War I”

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary