

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2017

PRESENT: Sher Brown, Chuck Chamberlain, Judy Chamberlain, Marcy Cousino, Dianna Emerson, John Evans, Bill Haines, Becky Kendall, Sharlene Thuma

ABSENT: Shirley Hodges, Liz Jones, Kent MacDonald

VISITOR: Doug Emerson

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by the President, Chuck Chamberlain. The meeting date was changed from Wednesday, September 6, 2017 to Thursday, September 7, 2017, in order to do setup for Frontier Days which was beginning on Friday.

REPORTS:

- Judy Chamberlain, Minutes
 - The minutes of the August 7, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sher Brown that the minutes be accepted as presented; seconded by Dianna Emerson; passed.
- Sher Brown, Treasurer
 - She will send out the July report shortly and the August one as soon as she gets the bank statement.
 - One of the deposits was put into the wrong account.
 - There was a discussion regarding the Pay Pal account. This is still in Chuck's name. This needs to be corrected as well as the debit card. A comment was made regarding the need for this account to be included in the monthly report as these funds are part of the assets. The membership needs to be kept informed about this account. Sher stated she did not have access to this to include in the Quick Books report. Bill Haines suggested attaching a separate report for this account.
 - Two accounts, a savings and a checking, were opened at LAFCU. These accounts have not been used and are dormant. Eventually the credit union will be charging us a fee for these accounts. A discussion was held regarding the closure of these accounts since they are not used. A motion was made by Sher Brown to close the LAFCU accounts since they are not used; seconded by Becky Kendall; passed.
 - The amount of \$700 for the bus trip is due on October 1, 2017.
 - The 2018 budget will be due at the October meeting for review.
 - Motion by Judy Chamberlain that the treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by Marcy Cousino; passed.
- Dianna Emerson, Membership
 - One new membership has been received bringing the total to 144 members.
 - Motion by Sher Brown to accept the report as presented; seconded by Marcy Cousino; passed.
- Marcy Cousino, Newspaper Digitizing
 - Film for the Springport Signal in Jackson County has been submitted. 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
 - Crash Plan, the cloud backup service, will become Crash Plan for Small Business in partnership with Carbonite. John will have to check these to see what will work for our needs. If anyone has any ideas for a program, let him know. He will also check directly with Carbonite. A decision needs to be made before March 2018.
 - The computers seem to be working for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bylaws and Duties of the Officers, Committee Chairs and Committees – Judy Chamberlain presented each one with a copy of the By-Laws as they currently stand with the corrections that were made at the August meeting. A complete review was then done and it was decided that a number of the articles could be deleted as they pertain to the duties and not the By-Laws. These include: Article VIII, Phone/Email Voting; Article X, Duties of Officers; Article XI, Committees and Special Officers. Article XII, Membership Meetings. Judy also noted that under Article XIV there is a reference to a Board of Directors which the organization does not have. This is to be changed to Executive Board. Judy also noted that a motion was passed to add the old Article XIII back into the document with the revisions that were made in 2016 and the subsequent Articles be renumbered. However, after reviewing this again she suggested that the Articles be left as they are and then when the revisions are voted on and passed this would clear up any questions. After the discussion about deleting several of the Articles, this is a moot point as this would be part of the Duties document.
- Judy Chamberlain made a motion that Articles VIII, X, XI and XII be removed from the By-Laws and that the contents be incorporated into the Duties of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committees or the Operational Procedures documents and that Board of Directors in Article XIV be changed to Executive Board; seconded by Sher Brown; passed.
- Nominating Committee –Marcy Cousino and Sharlene Thuma will meet on September 11, 2017. Shirley Hodges has been unavailable due to the illness of her husband Clarence. They will check with her to see if she has made any contacts. Liz Jones has agreed to stay on as a Trustee.
- Frontier Days – This is coming up this coming weekend. People have signed up to help, but more help may be needed. Marcy will take care of getting ice from the fire department. Phyllis Whidden has done an inventory of the supplies and there are still a few things needed. Judy Chamberlain volunteered to purchase any needed items.
- Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library – there are still seats available for this trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Judy Chamberlain stated that the president is listed as the resident agent in the By-Laws. However, for the last few years the treasurer has been signing the reports to the State of Michigan. If the treasurer is to be the resident agent, then a form needs to be completed and sent to the State of Michigan. A motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain to change the resident agent to the treasurer; seconded by Judy Chamberlain; passed. Judy will send in the form to the State.
- Speakers – The speakers for the rest of the year are as follows:
 - 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: Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary