

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING  
October 18, 2017

The president, Charles Chamberlain, called the meeting to order at 7:05. There were 18 people in attendance.

Newspaper Project Update (Marcy Cousino):

- The last films for the Springport papers have been returned from New York. There are no additional films to be submitted for digitization at this time. Some of the Dimondale papers are available on a flash drive so they need to go pick up that.
- No response has been received from the State of Michigan regarding the purchase of 20 rolls of film.

Society Business (Charles Chamberlain):

- Copies of the proposed 2018 Budget, as prepared by Sheryl Brown, treasurer, were available for review.
- Copies of the proposed changes to the By-Laws, as prepared by Judy Chamberlain and approved by the Board, were available for review. This will be a major change to the By-Laws so everyone was encouraged to read through the document and contact a member of the board if they have any questions. Copies of the current By-Laws were also available should anyone need it.
- Marcy Cousino presented the slate of officers for 2018. The new candidates are:

President:	Chris Brown
Vice President:	Jim Kendall
Recording Secretary	Sherry Copenhaver
Trustee	Liz Jones (to serve another 3 years)

The candidates who are currently serving are:

Treasurer	Sheryl Brown
Membership Secretary	Dianna Emerson
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino

A big "Thank You" to the nominating committee, Marcy Cousino, Sharleen Thuma, and Shirley Hodges, for all of their hard work. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.

Announcements:

- The business for the November ECGS meeting will include the approval of the 2018 budget, election of officers and approval of the changes to the Bylaws.
- The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, especially if you have questions regarding the budget or changes to the By-Laws.
- There are still seats available for the bus trip to Allen County Public Library on November 4, 2017. The cost is \$30. Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow will be working with Shirley Hodges on the arrangements.

Upcoming events:

- 2017 Fall Family History Event – October 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing. Visit the Michigan Genealogical Council website [www.mimgc.org](http://www.mimgc.org) for registration information.

Thank you to Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow who provided the "spooky" cookies and apple cider. They were very good.

An informative program was presented by Lori Fox on “Did I Really Read That?” Lori told of her experiences in doing research and how just assuming the information you read is correct is not always so. At one point she was looking for a relative and read information in the U.S. Census reports and other documents that made her sure it was this person. However, later she discovered that there was another person with the same name and that dates were similar to those she had for her relative. She emphasized that we need to read things carefully. She also went through various documents such as birth and death records and showed how we need to read all of the information given and that some of it may not always be correct. Read the documents carefully!

The speaker for the November meeting will be Jeff Mason who has graciously consented to fill in for the scheduled speaker Shirley Hodges. His topic will be “Coming to America—Emigration, Immigration and Naturalization”.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 (note the date change to the second Wednesday). Social/gathering time at 5:30, program at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary