

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
November 8, 2017

The president, Charles Chamberlain, called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 24 people in attendance.

Newspaper Project Update (Marcy Cousino):

- Films for the Dimondale newspapers have been sent to New York for digitizing.
- An invoice for 20 rolls of film has been received from the State of Michigan. This includes 4 copies of the Sunfield Sentinel, 1 mixture of the Grand Ledge Independent and the Delta-Waverly Independent and 15 copies of the Eaton Rapids Journal.

Society Business (Charles Chamberlain):

- 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

The president, Charles Chamberlain, asked if there were any nominations. Hearing none, a motion was made by Shirley Hodges that the nominations be closed; seconded by Liz Jones. Motion passed. A motion was made by Gary Copenhaver to accept by acclimation the slate of officers as presented; seconded by Judy Chamberlain. Motion passed. Welcome to the new officers.

- The amendment for the revisions to the By-Laws was presented to the membership. There was a discussion regarding the wording for the new item #5 of Article VI, Executive Board.
 - A motion was made by Jim Kendall to add the words "by a majority of the Executive Board" after the word "deemed" and the words "by the Board" after "an attempt shall be made". The motion was seconded by Bill Atkinson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Chris Brown that the revisions to the By-Laws, as amended, be accepted; seconded by Jim Kendall. Motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.

- The proposed 2018 budget was presented for review. A question was raised regarding there being a zero amount in the budget for copier toner and for the web page. The toner is included in the copier agreement and the amount for the web page is paid every other year and has been paid for 2018. A motion was made by Bill Atkinson to accept the Budget for 2018; seconded by Liz Jones. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- The Clarence Hodges Fund was established on Facebook for donations in memory of Clarence who recently passed away. The funds will be used for honorariums for speakers. Although the one on Facebook has been closed, anyone who wishes to contribute towards this fund may do so by sending a check to the Eaton County Genealogical Society noting that it is for the Clarence Hodges Fund.
- The Mid Michigan Genealogical Society is exploring the possibility of having a DNA special interest group. They would like to meet with several genealogical societies to discuss this.
- The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Thank you to Liz Jones who provided the delicious pumpkin cookies and apple cider.

Our speaker Jeff Mason presented a very informative program on “Coming to America—Emigration, Immigration and Naturalization”. He explained the difference between these various ways in which people have come to America. A handout was available that listed various websites where records can be found. Thank you Jeff for a very interesting presentation. A copy of the handout is available in the office should you like one.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary