

Eaton County Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes

2018 March - Wednesday, March 21, 2018

A Pre-Meeting was held on DNA, beginning at 5:30p.m. President Chris Brown and member Sue Thompson provided some very basic DNA information to the group of about 20 people who attended. A paper was passed around for people to sign up if they were interested in forming a DNA Special Interest Group for this area.

The regular meeting was called to order by president Chris Brown at 7:00p.m.

The presenter, Shirley Hodges, was introduced, who gave an interesting and informative presentation of Women in World War One.

Reports of officers & committees

Recording Secretary: We did not have a copy of the November 2017 minutes. We will have a copy of the 2018 March minutes available for the April meeting.

Treasurer: A copy of the Treasurer report is available.

Membership Secretary: Dianna Emerson reported 115 paid members.

Trustees: ECGS Shirts can be ordered again! They can now be ordered in any color and for an additional \$5.00, the words "EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY" can be printed on the back of the shirt as well, so people can see our society name as you are walking away. Shirley Hodges distributed copies of the ECGS shirts information with both T-Shirts and Polo Shirts prices.

Vice-President: Jim Kendall reported that our April pre-meeting speaker is Char Garlinger who gives a historical presentation on George Washington and the regular meeting speaker is Dan Earl on DNA. The WWII veteran, Bob Nelson, will be our May speaker. Karen White from the Lansing State Library will be our June speaker.

President: Chris Brown distributed a copy of proposed by law changes of to the Executive Board; changing Librarian, Computer Chair and Historian to elected positions, and changing the quorum from 6 to 7. We will vote on this change at the April meeting. Chris passed around a list of ECGS Training options that people could indicate their interest in; these interests are Research At ECGS, ECGS Database, ECGS Website and Digitized Newspaper Search.

Newspaper Project: Marcy Cousino reported that all of the microfilm has been digitized although there are some reels that are mis-identified. She has talked with the County Journal and they are providing their papers to the project since they have owned it, which is 2006. Harold Holcomb told how he found some articles he has never seen before about his Civil War ancestor Eli Cook, and Harold has done extensive research on Eli Cook.

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A motion was made by Jim Kendall that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Judy Chamberlain. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Copenhaver, Recording Secretary