

Eaton County Genealogical Society

Board Meeting

01/10/11

Meeting convened at 6:42 PM

Members present: B. Smith, S. Smith, G. Copenhaver, S. Copenhaver, M. Cousino, W. Haines

1. Discussion of proposed members-only area of the ECGS website led by S. Copenhaver, who presented a model site page (attached) with some suggested content topics. Agreed that content should focus on topics that might attract potential members. If the concept is supported, S. Copenhaver would like input on what these topics might be. Board members were supportive of the topics listed on the model page with the exception that concern was noted for including a member directory that would contain contact information. Other potential topics were discussed, including the cemetery photos (not supported unless they can be copy-protected), the cemetery databases (not supported as this currently generates revenue via hard-copy publications) and the deed images presently being developed. The possibility of adding a third class of membership for access to this area of the website was discussed. Discussion concluded with BOD members agreeing to provide input on other potential topics.
2. Vicky has submitted her resignation as editor of the Quest effective with the completion of the next issue. As a part of deciding what course of action to take regarding identifying a new editor, S. Copenhaver agreed to prepare, with the assistance of S. Brown, a checklist to survey members for their interests and needs including the value of the Quest. In the meantime, since ECGS is committed to continuing publication for issues scheduled for this year due to the membership dues assessed, Vicky will be contacted to see if she can finish out the year if help is provided by members in identifying topics.
3. Request for direction by the Dimondale Historical Society for services that produce digital copies of the bound issues of the Dimondale News now held at the Dimondale library. Some BOD members already provided suggestions to the DHS.
4. Request from the State Archives for volunteers to work 2 hour shifts at the registration desk. Volunteers will be provided with free access to Ancestry.com while on duty. This need to will be brought to the general membership at the next meeting, and S. Hodges will also be asked to pass on this request to her e-mail list.
5. S. Copenhaver requested input on possible section in the tombstone symbols area of the website for Eaton County "pioneers" and "notables". If this is to be done, she will need input on names to include in this section

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.