

Eaton County Genealogical Society

Board Meeting

05/09/11

Meeting convened at 6:50 PM

Members present: M. Cousino, B. Smith, S. Smith, S. Brown, S. Hodges, C. Hodges, B. Polhamus, W. Haines

1. Seeking Michigan: M. Cousino offered to loan the ECGS copy of the 1833 Eaton County state census to the state archives who are putting the Michigan state censuses on-line. Also discussed the state archives project to inventory what materials various groups have; M. Cousino offered to host a team from the archives at the ECGS facility in this regard.
2. Fort Wayne Ancestry Conference trip: S.Hodges proposed organizing a bus trip to the July Ancestry conference in Ft. Wayne. Break-even for the trip would be 35 attendees at a fee of \$35. Motion to proceed with organizing the bus trip passed. S. Hodges agreed to prepare a registration form.
3. Regional consortium: M. Cousino asked again if there is interest in ECGS becoming a part of a regional genealogy consortium. The consensus of the board was that such a consortium likely duplicates MGC, and also opens the possibility of duplication of proprietary materials by the member-organizations.
4. ECGS publications etc.: Discussed the need for cost-benefit analyses of the publications and services now offered by ECGS. Some things may be need to be discontinued if there is low demand.
5. Pray Funeral Home books: The first three have been recorded (up to 1932). The remainder are by year. A template will be developed for recording the remaining volumes by the Monday work group. S. Brown agreed to contact Joe Pray to make arrangements for borrowing the remaining volumes.
6. MCG delegates. S. Brown unable to continue due to job conflict. J. Collins agreed to serve as an alternate.
7. Info from MGC meetings: S. Hodges agreed to check with MGC to see what if any information from their meetings could be posted to the ECGS website after each MGC meeting.
8. Website: The efforts of S. Copenhaver were recognized. Discussion followed regarding the possible need for written criteria for what may be included on the site as well as other ECGS materials to avoid legal problems.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.