

## **Eaton County Genealogical Society**

### **General Meeting**

**11/10/10**

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM by President Cousino

#### Reports:

Membership – 2011 membership forms will be mailed within the next few weeks, with the new dues rate specified.

Cemetery project- The final meeting for 2010 will be held next week. Visitors from Vermontville attended the last meeting to share how they do things. Asked for members to share any information they have on headstone symbols, including any pictures, for the cataloging project they are working on. Scanning of the cards at the Grand Ledge historical society will be completed by next week, and indexing of the information will continue.

MGC delegates-Reported on meeting in Harrison. G. Copenhaver approved as an alternate to the MGC to cover for members away from Michigan during the winter. An internal dept. of education memo discussing cost containment strategies was shared as they specifically affect the State Library. S. Hodges stated that is important that we sue the library as much as possible during this time period to demonstrate activity, and proposed Nov. 18 as "Eaton County" day when as many of our members as possible could attend and wear red shirts. She will send out an "email blast" to our membership to this effect. She also stated that the State Archives are working with Ancestry.com re "Seeking Michigan".

Vice President Hodges- No report.

Treasurer- Reports attached including proposed budget for 2011.

Hospitality-Introduced visitors

Webmaster- No new reports

No other reports were made

Old Business:

1. Budget for 2011. Motion to approve proposed 2011 budget as presented by the treasurer passed.

New Business:

1. Military monument dedication. Ceremony for an eagle scout project will take place Nov. 11 at South Eaton cemetery.
2. Courthouse Square Assn. will hold a program honoring veterans Nov. 13, with Dave Smith speaking on the "Michigan Sharpshooters".
3. Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference: Will take place at the State Library on Nov. 13 at the State Library. Events for the sesquicentennial will be planned.
4. New England Regional Conference: Will be held in Springfield, MA April 6-10, 2011.
5. 2011 Allen County bus trip: Scheduled for Oct. 29
6. Historical Commission: Presented two awards last month, one being given to S. Copenhaver of the ECGS. Grand Ledge Historical commission looking for ways to raise funds now that taxpayer support has ended. The CHC seeking information on the old poor house. The CHC is planning to raffle two tickets for a trip to the top of the Mackinac Bridge tower as a fund raiser.

Meeting recessed at 7:40 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:50 for program presented by Sue Thompson on "Michigan Land Records"

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM