

Eaton County Genealogical Society

General Meeting

3/16/11

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM by President Cousino

Reports:

Membership – Membership now at 102.

Cemetery project- The committee met on 3/9 and had a demonstration by a group from Woodlawn cemetery on the electronic 3-D walkthrough on the cemetery they are developing. The ECGS cemetery project is being put on Acrobat.com.

MGC delegates-No report

Vice President- The ECGS Civil War sesquicentennial recognition is leading off with tonight's speaker

Treasurer- Reports attached. The carrier for our renter's insurance is discontinuing offering the type of policy ECGS now has. A new type of policy will be issued to ECGS, which will cost about \$40 more per year, but will have broader coverage.

Hospitality-Introduced visitors

Webmaster- New items have been added to the website. The scanning of the index cards from Grand Ledge has been completed. Scanning of the Eaton County deed index is underway and will be added to the website. A bog has been added to the site., as well as an updated guest page. A member-only area of the site is being launched with extra features including searchable name index and images. Members can see the test site now by requesting a temporary password from the webmaster.

Publicity-No report

No other reports were made

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Quest: Sher Brown has agreed to serve as the editor of the Quest. The latest issue is now available and can be picked up by attendees tonight to save mailing costs.
2. Member needs/interests survey: A questionnaire was distributed to attendees to fill out tonight.
3. Volunteers to “man” vendor tables: Volunteers needed for April 9 Sunfield and May 1 Duck Lake conferences.
4. Upcoming seminars and conferences:
 - a. March 19 South Bend Indiana
 - b. March 25-26 Local history conference in Troy
 - c. March 26 Monroe County Genealogical Society seminar
 - d. April 9 Sunfield Historical Society seminar
 - e. May 1 Duck Lake Genealogy open house
 - f. May 7 Lansing Family History Center seminar
5. Historical Commission: Reminded that the commission is raffling two tickets to the top of the Mackinac bridge as a fund raiser.
6. Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee: The kickoff for the sesquicentennial activities is being held April 16 at the Michigan State Library and Historical Museum.

Meeting recessed at 7:40 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:50 for the program “The Michigan Cavalry Brigade at Gettysburg” by David Smith

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM