

Eaton County Genealogical Society

General Meeting

4/20/11

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM by President Cousino

Reports:

Membership – Membership currently at 102 including 7 new members. \$335 in donations was received with membership renewals over and above dues. These funds will be placed in the undesignated account. A detailed membership summary is attached.

Cemetery project- The committee will meet next on 4/27. 23 cemeteries, out of 53 in the county, have been re-read and photographed. The committee is now working on Maple Hill Cemetery.

Treasurer- Reports attached. Note a \$400 outlay for printing and mailing of the recent issue of the Quest.

Hospitality-Introduced visitors

Publicity- A press release on ECHS was prepared by S. Copenhaver and sent to the County Journal and the Shopping Guide. This led to an article on ECHS in the Journal and a visit to the ECHS office by a journalist from the Shopping Guide preparatory to a future article in that publication.

No other reports were made

Old Business:

1. Upcoming seminars:
 - a. Duck Lake Genealogy Society open house May 1, 2011
 - b. Lansing Michigan Family History Center seminar May 7, 2011
2. Member needs survey: A summary of preliminary results was presented by S. Brown.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee: B. Wright, J. Collins and B. Atkinson have agreed to serve.
2. Historical Society of Greater Lansing: Hosting a cemetery walk at St. Joseph cemetery. ECGS members are invited.
3. County Journal article and Upcoming Charlotte Shopping Guide articles: see above report.
4. Consortium forming: A “think tank” association of genealogy associations in the greater Lansing area has been proposed. The organizational meeting was held tonight, and ECGS therefore was not represented. ECGS may consider joining in the future if the membership is interested.
5. CSA Summer History day Camp: Scheduled for August 1-5. The program is for kids aged 6-15. The focus this year will be on Civil War history.
6. MeL.org database link updates: Current links are on the ECGS website.

Meeting recessed at 7:16 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 for the program “Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic” by Keith Harrison.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM