

Eaton County Genealogical Society

General Meeting

5/19/11

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM by Vice president S. Hodges

Announcements:

Would like to include a recognition of appreciation for outgoing president Cousino at the July meeting. All are invited to a beer tasting event on 5/20 by the CSA.

Reports:

Membership – Membership currently at 118 including 10 new members. Detailed report attached

Cemetery project- The committee met last week and worked on saving information to the computers. Progress continues on several cemeteries including Maple Hill, where about 97% of the gravestones have been photographed. The next meeting will be on 5/26.

Treasurer- Reports attached

Newsletter- Members were encouraged to provide information for newsletter articles

Webmaster- updates are ongoing

MGC delegates- The recent Civil War sesquicentennial kickoff event went well. Recent updates to Seeking Michigan were discussed, including the planned inclusion of Michigan State Censuses from Ancestry.com. Nominations for the Kellogg award were solicited and must be in by May 31. The next family history seminar by the archives is scheduled for Oct. 29.

Old Business:

1. Indexing project: The work group meets every Monday and Wednesday; more volunteers are needed.
2. Pray funeral books: Will be the next big project; S. Brown arranging for books from Pray

3. ECGS West: Several ECGS members winter in Arizona now and have informal "meetings". Visitors are encouraged to join in if in the area.
4. ECGS Facebook page: ECGS and many other genealogy groups have Facebook pages; members are encouraged to sign up

New Business:

1. Election of officers: Slate recommended by the nominating committee was presented by Bill Atkinson. The slate included, for Co-presidents, Sher Brown and Shirley Hodges; Vice president, Bill Haines; Corresponding secretary Sheila Mott; Recording secretary Janice Shepler; Membership secretary Barb Smith; Treasurer, Steve Smith. Motion to close nominations and pass a unanimous ballot passed.
2. Bus trips for 2011: S. Hodges listed trips as follows:
 - a. 23 July, trip to Ancestry.com seminar in Ft. Wayne
 - b. 29 Oct., research trip to Allen County library
3. MGC delegates: Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow have agreed to serve for 2011. G. Copenhaver and S. Copenhaver have agreed to serve as alternates
4. Future speakers:
 - a. June 15, 2011, Eric Crandall on Fitch H. Beach, the Man Behind the Name
 - b. July 20, 2011, Shirley Hodges on The Hardy Girls
 - c. August 17, 2011, Bill Atkinson on Grandfathers Trunk

Meeting recessed at 7:30 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:41 for the program "Quantrells, Rhinses and Carpenters" by Jackie Adams

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM