

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Sher Brown and Shirley Hodges at 7:00pm.

Shirley Hodges reported that we received two thank you notes, one from the Court House Square for our continued support. The other from teacher Lorie Murdock from a Charter School expressing the great web site our society has and the great help it was to her students.

Shirley also reported on a letter from the MGC stating that the Library of Michigan belongs to serve the state government by law. The records that are strictly for genealogical purposes will be transferred to the DNR and or the State of Michigan Archives. So we need to work with the Archives and make it the best in the state.

TREASURER: Steve Smith reported bills were paid. Copies of report available on front table.

NEWSLETTER: Sher Brown said the Quest should be ready the first part of December.

HOSPITALITY: Betty Polhamus wanted to make sure everyone signed in.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb Smith reported we have 130 members. There will be renewal membership forms in the Quest and being sent by letter to those who do not receive the Quest.

LIBRARIAN: Sharlene Thuma reported that the 100 Section in the library as been sorted and all books not used in our library will go to the Sunfiled Historical Society.

CEMETERY PROJECT: Gary Copenhaver reported that two more cemeteries have been completed, South Eaton and Olivet and they are working on Delta Center and Riverside.

WEBMASTER: Sherry Copenhaver mentioned that the CD's for the Cemetery Symbols and Flag stands was now available for \$10.60 tax included. Also that a membership application was available on line.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Changes: Barb Smith reported on the changes that were made and presented to the society last month. They were mostly State mandated changes for Trustees and a few others that were mostly bring our By-Laws up to date. Motion made by Barb Smith to accept the By-Law changes, seconded by Liz Jones. Passed.

Room Volunteer: Marcie Cousino has volunteered to fill the Tuesdays during the winter months.

MGC delegates: A Volunteer is needed for two meetings, January and March while our regular delegates are away for the winter. Contact any officer or Jim Collins or Jo Glasgow.

Publication committee: Members still needed here. Please contact office or any officer.

Equipment needs: Steve Smith wanted to amend his motion to indicate where the money for the equipment was coming from. Seconded by Phyllis Widhen. Discussion held. It was mentioned that last month the society voted the board to make the purchase up to \$800.00. The cost of the Lens is \$900.00. Marcie Cousino said she would donate \$50.00 and Jo Glasgow said she would donate \$50.00. Thank you both!! Motion was withdrawn by Steve Smith and Phyllis Widen second withdrawn. Motion made by Bill Atkinson to use the money in the unrestricted fund for the purchase of the Lens equipment and Seconded by Phyllis Widhen. Passed

Sherry Copenhaver mentioned also that our computer is currently on Windows 98 and we may need to look into that.

NEW BUSINESS:

ECGS Bus Trip: The trip has been planned to the Fort Wayne Library, November 3, 2012. Flayers and sign up will be presented in the Spring.

Break taken refreshments at this time taken.

Program Speaker Julie Kimmer spoke on "Vintage Ornaments"

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Shepler, Recording Secretary