

Eaton County Genealogical Society

Board Meeting

03/07/11

Meeting convened at 6:40 PM

Members present: S. Copenhaver, G. Copenhaver, S. Brown, W. Haines, M. Cousino

1. Member-only area of website: Development of the site continues. S. Copenhaver presented a draft of a letter to go in the next issue of the Quest regarding the site. Discussion took place on what should be an appropriate password for the site – common password for all members or a unique password for each member. It was agreed that a new common password would be issued to all members at the beginning of each year, with provision made for members than to create a custom password. The initial common password will be ECGS1988.
2. Member interests survey: S. Copenhaver presented an updated draft of a questionnaire for members. After final edits, this questionnaire will be presented to members starting with the 3/9/11 meeting of the cemetery committee, and at the 3/16/11 general meeting. Since we now have an editor for the Quest, the long-term fate of the Quest will not be a topic of discussion at the general meeting.
3. Grand Ledge index cards: If the index cards go on the member-only area of the website as now planned, should members of the Grand Ledge Historical Society be given a free usercode to access the site. It was agreed that this would be OK, but a vote could not be taken on the issue due to the lack of a quorum at this meeting.
4. Article in the County Journal and/or Shoppers Guide. S. Copenhaver proposed that the publications be contacted regarding publishing an article about the society. After discussion, it was agreed that a press release should be prepared and submitted to the publications. S. Copenhaver agreed to develop a draft press release. S. Thompson (guest) agreed to help.
5. Use of portable scanner: The use of the new scanner by visitors and members was discussed, including ideas for compensation for its use. The possibility of offering low-cost flash drives for sale was discussed, and it was decided that further research was needed to find a source of flash drives at a reasonable low price. It was agreed that instructions for using the scanner should be written-up and placed both near the scanner and in a reference book.
6. Annual Report for the Quest: M. Cousino requested input on topics to be included in a report on the society to be included in the next issue of the Quest. It was agreed that the topics should be in the categories of 2010 accomplishments, ongoing programs and activities, goals/plans for 2011, and a financial summary. Several ideas for topics were discussed.
7. Vendor table at the Sunfield Historical Society genealogy conference: No resolution was reached regarding exhibiting at the 4/9/11 conference. The issue will be discussed at the 3/16/11 general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

