

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021

The Eaton Area Historical Society held their general meeting Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 11 members were present. President Carolyn Prior called for the reading of the September minutes. After discussion Nomie Ketterling moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Peg Riley seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report by Art Meyer for January-September 2021 was as follows:

EAHS General Checking Beginning Balance:

\$8213.73

EAHS GC Income:

\$1055.00

EAHS GC Expenses:

\$1981.62

EAHS GC Balance:

\$7287.11

Carriage House Total Income Balance:

\$232,626.24

Carriage House Total Expenses:

\$231,969.26

CH Net Balance:

\$656.98

After discussion Nancy Donahoo moved the treasurer's report be approved as read. Peg Riley seconded. Motion carried. Membership Chair Peg Riley reported that we have 20 individual memberships, 24 couple, 17 family, and 8 lifetime for a total of 76.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes reported that her next article in the local newspaper will

be a surprise for "Eatonites".

Museum Care--Carolyn Prior reported that the painting of the upstairs rooms in the museum has been completed. The town of Eaton will cover the cost of the painting. We are getting estimates on replacing the laminate flooring in two rooms upstairs and replacing some baseboard. During discussion it was suggested we use the remaining CH funds to pay for the flooring and baseboard and ask the town to repay us. Georgia Inloes moved we use general fund monies to pay for the flooring/baseboards as we need that completed right away. Peg Riley seconded. Motion carried. The staging of the upstairs rooms as bedrooms is in progress. Lisa Schreiber will be cleaning the downstairs of the museum November 5th.

Public Relations--Susan Nelson reported that the committee is coordinating the Christmas Museum Special Events activities with the Home Tour committee. Dick Leffler, who is in charge of the hayride for the Event, reported that the town must sponsor the hayride in order for it to be covered for liability. He said the town seems to think that that can be worked out.

Tour of Homes--Donna Ivie reported that the flyers will be in the Eaton water bill for October. She said that local crafters will share their products at the home of Faye Lebsack. She said she still needs more volunteers to work at the houses. During discussion it was suggested we advertise this need on our website, Facebook, and by email. The tickets will be available November 11th.

Museum Volunteers--The Christmas Open House during the week of December 13-18 will be open from 2-4 each day. 2 volunteers will share the tour. Guests will be asked to stay with the volunteers, who will lead the tour of the museum first, followed by the CH tour. Discussion was had about opening the facilities in January 2022. More discussion will follow at the November 2021 meeting. Georgia Inloes and Marcia Schmidke will call the volunteers for the December opening, but will wait to set up volunteers for January 2022 after the November meeting.

CH Committee--Dick Leffler reported that we incurred some additional expenses during the construction of the CH. He is holding some monies back until some unfinished projects are completed, such as the fencing by the alley. He said the building is fully functional now, as the electrical is on, the railing is up on the stairway to the Accession room, and the painting of the area by the stairs is done. He will visit with the town administrator about the town paying for the flooring. He also said there are some funds remaining in the Shelton Fund which will be available to us.

Old Business--We have some volunteers who wish to decorate specific areas of the museum/CH for Christmas. Susan Nelson and Nomie Ketterling will decorate the outside, June Gustafson and Faye Lebsack, the fireplace in the parlor room and the kitchen, and Shan Watkins and her friend Karen, the music room, hallway, and stairs. Volunteers are still needed for the CH, upstairs bedrooms, back porch, and the old kitchen. Decorating will occur during the weeks of November 15-19 and November 29-December 3.

New Business--Since the Annual Meeting has been officially changed to January, discussion was held about which Saturday. A suggestion was made that it be held at the Eaton Library with a Brunch held from 9:30-11:30 AM. After discussion Susan Nelson moved that the Annual Meeting be held the third Saturday in January. Nancy Donahoo seconded. Motion carried. For 2022 that will be January 15. Further discussion will need to be held about place and time. President Carolyn Prior asked Art Meyer to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. He agreed to do so. Carolyn Prior asked for volunteers to begin organizing the Accession Room after January 1, 2022. During discussion it was suggested that someone be hired by the town to be a curator for our museum. More discussion will be held in the future about this topic.

President Carolyn reminded us that the next meeting will be held November 29. There will be no meeting in December.

Nomie Ketterling then moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dick Leffler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary

November 1, 2021

EAHS Members, as we approach the opening of the A. J. Eaton Home Museum and Carriage House, we will need volunteers for the following:

Decorating the Carriage House, the museum bedrooms, the back porch, and the old kitchen for Christmas. Decorating dates are November 15-19 and November 29-December 3.

Volunteers for the museum/CH December 13-18.

Volunteers to organize the CH loft area starting in January 2022.

The Tour of Homes needs more house volunteers. Let Donna Ivie know if you're available. 970-301-1306.

\*Annual Meeting to be held JANUARY 15, 2022.

\*No EAHS meeting in December.

\*If you are interested in running for an EAHS Office, let Art Meyer know. 970-689-0844.

For more information or to volunteer call Marcia Schmidke. 970-302-3188.