

## Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 27, 2021

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 12 members were present. President Carolyn Prior opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and calling for the reading of the minutes from June 28, 2021. The minutes were read by Secretary Marcia Schmidke. Nomie Ketterling moved that they be approved as read, with Greg Dewey seconding the motion. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by President Carolyn, since Treasurer Art Meyer was absent. The treasurer's report was as follows:

2021 General Checking Balance January-August;

\$8213.73

2021 GC Income;

\$1010.00

2021 GC Expenses;

\$ 931.62

2021 GC Total;

\$8292.11

2021 Carriage House Actual Income Balance to Date;

\$219,658.24

2021 Carriage House Actual Expenses to Date;

\$134,157.82

CH Net Balance;

\$ 85,500.42

Nancy Donahoo moved we accept the treasurer's report as read, Peg Riley seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Peg Riley gave the following report: 20 Individual memberships, 24 Couple,

17 Family, 7 Business, and 8 Lifetime, for a total of 76.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes reported she is working on an article about Eaton area land acquisition.

Museum Care--Carolyn Prior and Diane Holmberg reported that the items from the military room, the accession room, and the schoolroom upstairs in the house museum have been moved to the carriage house. Those rooms will soon be painted and repurposed as bedrooms and a reading room. Items in storage will also be moved into the facilities.

Public Relations--Nomie Ketterling reported on some of the Christmas Museum special events that will take place during the weekend of December 10-12. Some ideas include old-fashioned games, hayrides, music, and a spinning demonstration.

Tour of Homes--Debi Dyer reported that the flyers for the homes will go out in the water bill by the end of October. Another home has been added. Instead of the Pre-tour and Luncheon on the Friday before the tour on Saturday, December 11, an organized tour of the homes could be set up on Friday afternoon. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Museum Volunteers--Georgia Inloes and Marcia Schmidke will make plans for staffing the museum/CH when opening dates and times are finalized.

Carriage House--Dick Leffler reported that the CH is pretty well complete. We are waiting for the air conditioning unit, the railing for the CH stairway, back fence repair, stairway painting, and concrete finish work and repairs. We still have about \$13,000 left to pay. It was suggested that the painting of the museum rooms and front porch, plus other maintenance items be paid for by the town, since they own the house. We are hoping to get more donations to offset some expenses. He reminded us that the upstairs of the CH cannot be used for public events since it is not handicapped accessible.

Old Business--None discussed.

New Business--Carolyn Prior reported that the Christmas decorating of both buildings will take place November 15-18 and November 29-December 3. Discussion was had about volunteers who might be interested selecting a room or rooms to decorate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary

**Calling on EAHS Members and Friends!**

A great opportunity to be actively involved...

**What:** Decorate a room in the A.J. Eaton home and Carriage House for Eaton's Old Fashioned Christmas Home tour on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

**When:** The week of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> and/or week of Nov. 29 – Dec. 3

**Why:** Showcasing members/family/friends Christmas collection; OR: using decorations currently at the museum; outside lighting and decoration as well

**Who:** If interested, please send an email or call Carolyn Prior 970-371-5958 or [carolynprior@outlook.com](mailto:carolynprior@outlook.com) for details! RSVP By Thursday, Oct. 14th