

Eaton Area Historical Society Annual Meeting

Minutes

Saturday, January

15, 2022

The Eaton Area Historical Society held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 9:30 AM, at the Eaton Public Library. 20 members were present. After a brunch of quiche and muffins, President Carolyn Prior called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. Secretary Marcia Schmidke read the November 2021 minutes which were then approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Prior since Treasurer Art Meyer was not present. The report for January-November 2021 was as follows:

Beginning Balance General Checking;

\$8213.73

2021 Income;

\$1055.00

2021 Expenses;

\$2554.12

Total as of November 30, 2021;

\$6714.61

Beginning Balance Carriage House Checking Account/Raymond James Account;

\$176,123.54

Total Income;

\$283,627.51

Total Expenses;

\$232,009.49

Net Balance;

\$51,618.02

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Membership Chair Peg Riley reported that membership stood at a total of 71. An updated report would be given at the February 2022 general meeting.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes reported that she is planning an article about "a flour sack".

Museum Care--Carolyn Prior reported that the Christmas decorations will stay up through February 12, the date of the Pioneer Society meeting.

Public Relations--no report given.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke and Georgia Inloes reported that there was good attendance at the January 8 re-opening. Discussion was held about signage on or near Main Street becoming a future project. Some concerns were voiced about going from the back door of the museum to the Carriage House because of no railing by the back door. Marcia said we need to establish a schedule for the opening of the museum/CH starting in March 2022. After discussion June Gustafson moved we have the facilities open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 and Saturdays 10-2. Georgia Inloes seconded. Motion carried. Discussion also was had about the following; volunteers having projects while waiting for visitors, setting up work days in the accession room, 3 volunteers instead of 2, an extra CH key being kept in the museum, and placing an extra museum key in the lockbox with the CH key.

Tour of Homes--Donna Ivey reported on the ticket sales, expenses, and income from the tour. Ticket sales totalled \$1883.00, expenses were \$678.82, with a net profit of \$1204.00. She said that some home owners have already offered their homes for the December 2022 tour.

Carriage House--Dick Leffler reported that 4 projects still need to be finished; the alley fence, striping to be painted on the sloped concrete in front of the CH, replacement of the museum back door, and the placing of a barricade around the air conditioning unit. The final cost of the CH project came to \$265,000.00 and we have funds left for a future project.

Old Business:

Carolyn Prior called for a vote on the changing of By-law " Meetings. Article IV. Section 1." Dick Leffler moved we accept the wording change from " November" to "January" for the annual meeting. Bill Martin seconded. Motion carried. Carolyn Prior thanked all the members who put up the Christmas decorations in the museum/CH.

New Business:

President Carolyn reported that the EAHS board wondered if we need to appoint a liaison person to communicate with the town about the needs of the museum/CH. It was suggested we make a schedule of needs for the facilities to share with the town and invite the interim town administrator Wes Lavanchey and the town board to a general meeting. Nomie Ketterling will invite the town board to visit the museum/CH. Bill Martin, Dick Leffler, Nomie Ketterling, and Carolyn Prior will make contact

with town officials soon in order to make them aware of us as an important town entity.

Nominating Committee:

The 2021 EAHS Board have agreed to run again for office in 2022. Membership Chair added 1 member, Mary Gibbs-Jimenez. As there were no more nominations, The EAHS Board members for 2022 are as follows:

President: Carolyn Prior

Vice-President: Nomie Ketterling

Secretary: Marcia Schmidke

Treasurer: Art Meyer

Membership: Peg Riley and Mary Gibbs-Jimenez

President Carolyn thanked the officers and all who had contributed their hard work to the historical society in 2021 and called for adjournment of the meeting. Peg Riley did so move, Nancy Donahoo seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary