

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Eaton Rec Center. 15 members were present. The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Prior, who called for the reading of the minutes of the January meeting. As no corrections were expressed, Nomie Ketterling moved the minutes be approved as read. Mary Jimenez seconded. Motion carried. Minutes were approved as read. Art Meyer gave the treasurer's report as follows:

January 2022 Beginning Balance General Checking:

\$ 8,384.37

January 2022 GC Income:

\$ 1620.00

January 2022 GC Expenses:

\$ 707.08

January 31, 2022 GC Total Balance:

\$9,297.29

January 2022 CH Beginning Balance:

\$49,018.02

January 2022 CH Income:

\$ 250.00

January 2022 CH Expenses:

\$ 0

January 31, 2022 CH Total Balance:

\$49,268.02

After discussion with no corrections noted, Peg Riley moved to approve the Treasurer's report as given. June Gustafson seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

The membership report was given by Peg Riley, who reported that we have received several new memberships for 2022. The membership figures will be reported at the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes " flour sack" article was printed in the North Weld Herald February 24, 2022. While discussing Georgia's article it was brought up that the website has generated emails and phone calls requesting information and photos of many historic buildings in the area.

Museum Care--June Gustafson is the new Chair of a committee formed to stage the upstairs rooms of the home museum. The committee will meet Thursday, March 3 to plan. Carolyn Prior reported that the guidelines for the Museum Care Committee need to be revised in relation to on-loan items. The society no longer accepts loans of items, only donations of such. June reported that Emily Haythorn and her mother will clean our the Christmas decorations in the basement.

Public Relations--Susan Nelson reported she will do periodic ads in the newspaper to remind the public that the museum/CH is now open. In reference to a possibility of a CDOT sign on Hwy 85, she reported that we are ineligible for it because we are not open 5 days a week. She said we now have an updated photo of the CH and home museum that includes both buildings.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported that the A.J. Eaton Home and Carriage House Museum is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4, and Saturdays, 10-2.

Home Tour--Donna Ivie reported that she has 3 homes available for December 2022. She said that she needs some co-committee members who know the community and historic homes to help her. Terrie James and Carolyn Prior volunteered their assistance.

Carriage House--In Dick Leffler's absence Carolyn Prior reported that the fixtures for the CH sink have been put in. The warning paint on the driveway slope still needs to be completed, as does the fencing by the alley. The guard around the air conditioning unit is still not in place. She reminded the group that the light switch on the west side of the CH which has tape over it is to be left on as taped. That switch is for the outside lights which must remain on all the time. She said the landscaping is the responsibility of the town but we will have input. The town will pay for it. They have asked for a proposal from us for what we would like done and suggestions for landscaping businesses. June Gustafson asked if the Museum Care Committee was responsible for doing the proposal. Faye Lebsack volunteered to put the proposal together for the town. Some suggestions for items to be part of the landscaping design are the old stoplight and a donated hitching post.

Old Business--Carolyn Prior, Bill Martin, and Dick Leffler met with Wes Lavinchy and Greg Brinck of the town to discuss CH issues. Nomie Ketterling reported that she had invited the town board to come view the A. J. Eaton Home and CH Museum while it was decorated for

Christmas, but they did not respond to the invite.

New Business--President Carolyn reported that committee guidelines need to be reviewed so she asked Vice-President Nomie to take on this task. Because of some requests for private use of the museum, we ask that members share their ideas for how to handle private use of our facilities. She said that the Pioneer Society would like to share our website. Susan Nelson said she would set up a navigational site for them. Terrie James reported that the Eaton Rec Center will be hosting a craft fair April 2, from 9-1. She wondered if EAHS could have some advertising information available at the fair. Suggestions include a table with members to provide info and/or designing of a poster with photo and information about the museum. During discussion the idea of putting museum information on the Eaton town website was mentioned.

President Carolyn then called for a motion to adjourn. Mary Jimenez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nomie Keterling seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary