

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

the Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 12 members were present. President Carolyn Prior called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the February minutes. The minutes were read and a motion was called to approve them as read. Nomie Ketterling so moved, seconded by Carolyn Sutter. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was as follows:

2022 Beginning Balance General Checking:

\$ 8,384.37

2022 GC Income:

\$ 8,025.00

2022 GC Expenses:

\$ 4,243.65

Total:

\$12,165.72

2022 CH Beginning Balance:

\$49,018.02

2022 CH Income:

\$ 250.00

2022 CH Expenses:

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CH Total as of 1/31/2022:

\$ 49,268.02

The treasurer's report was approved as read as moved by Georgia Inloes and seconded by Marcia Schmidke. Motion carried.

Peg Riley followed with the Membership report. EAHS has 19 individual memberships, 21 couple, 15 family, 6 business, for a total of 61. She reported that 20 renewal reminder letters have been sent out. We now have several new members.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes reported she is writing an article about the first Eaton High School football game in 1909. She is currently examining the contents of the safety deposit boxes donated to EAHS. Because so many inquiries have been made to our organization asking about Eaton area history, discussion was had about how to provide these questions to the research committee. It was suggested that a request form be created so that the committee could act on the requests. President Carolyn asked Susan Nelson to create said form. A sub-committee to deal with the inquiries was formed; Georgia Inloes will chair the group consisting of Art Meyer, Peg Riley, and possibly new member Julie Ann Fritz. Hopefully this group could meet weekly. Carolyn Prior said that Nancy Donahoo continues her project of putting together scrapbooks about Eaton area history.

Museum Care--Much restaging is happening at the Home museum. A Keurig coffee maker has been placed in the Home kitchen for use by members, and which can be moved to the CH for use there. Lisa Schreiber is scheduled to clean April 13. Cleaning is expected to occur quarterly.

Public Relations--Susan Nelson shared the newly printed EAHS brochures, bookmarks, and flyers to be distributed throughout the community. An ad in the Herald to announce the opening of the museum is planned.

Museum Volunteers--Discussion was had about the effort to schedule volunteers to work at the museum each month. It was suggested that a sign-up calendar for the upcoming month be placed at the museum so volunteers could fill in the dates they wished to work. Donna Ivie suggested she might ask some of the Sundowner members to help with the volunteering.

Tour of Homes--Donna Ivie asked if anyone knew of some older Eaton homes that might be available for the tour. She has 3 homes now.

Carriage House--Dick Leffler reported that Troy Hauer has completed all his projects on the CH and has received his final payment. The following projects need to be completed; the hazard markings in front of the CH, drainage around the Home needs to be addressed to avoid flooding of the basement, landscaping needs to be completed in a way that directs drainage toward the alley, and a storage shed needs to be purchased to store tables, chairs, and etc. for use on the CH patio. When asked about a railing being placed by the back door, he said it was not required by code. Dick reported that the original price quote for the CH was \$238,723. The final cost was \$283,856. The city provided \$24,000 and EAHS \$259,856.

Old Business:

President Carolyn discussed the guidelines for CH use by the public, and presented a draft of a request form. Changes were made to the form during discussion. Any additional comments or questions could be emailed to her.

New Business:

President Carolyn reported that so far 2 groups have requested the use of the CH/Patio for their upcoming meetings: The Questers in May and the Sundowners September 12. She said that the Questers would like to make a donation to EAHS so discussion was had about items we might like to have. Carolyn then said that we need an Event Coordinator to handle the additional responsibilities and activities the CH has created.

At 8:00 PM Dick Leffler moved we adjourn, Peg Riley seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary