

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 11 members were present. President Carolyn Prior called the meeting to order by asking for the reading of the March minutes. The minutes were read, after which it was moved by Bill Martin and seconded by Mary Gibbs-Jimenez that they be approved as read. Motion carried. As Treasurer Art Meyer was not in attendance, President Carolyn gave the treasurer's report. The report was as follows:

2022 Beginning Balance General Checking(March 31, 2022);

\$ 8,384.37

2022 GC Income;

\$ 8,638.00

2022 GC Expenses;

\$ 6,906.02

2022 GC Total;

\$10,116.35

2022 Beginning Balance CH Checking(March 31, 2022);

\$49,018.02

2022 CH Income;

\$ 2,850.00

2022 CH Expenses;

\$14,601.74

2022 CH Total;

\$37,266.28

Mary Gibbs-Jimenez moved and June Gustafson seconded we approve the report as read. Motion carried. President Carolyn then reported that the Bank of Colorado CH account has now

been closed since all CH construction expenses have been paid. The amount of \$37,266.28 left in that account has been transferred to the General Checking account. She also reported that the 2022 Expense Description E-3 has been renamed "Office Expense, Mailing & Supplies".

The Membership report by Peg Riley is as follows: Individual memberships, 23; couple, 25; family, 17; business, 5; lifetime, 9; for a total of 79. Peg reported that we have 10 new members. She said that she recently received word that longtime member Maxine Schwartz has passed away.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--President Carolyn reviewed the research request forms, and reported that the forms are in a labeled notebook in the CH loft. During discussion it was suggested that a few of the forms be kept in the museum volunteers notebook also.

Museum Care--June Gustafson reported on the progress of remaking the home museum reflect the original 1880's-early 1900's look of the house. She said that changes have been made in all of the rooms, such as new window coverings, moving furniture to different places, hanging new pictures/photos, and overall redecorating. The former storage room upstairs has been newly opened to the public as a sewing room. It was then reported that we will partner with American Legion Post #26 and the Women's Auxillary to update and accurately display the military uniforms, etc. in the CH. Bill Martin reported that Post #26 will redo the flagpole and replace the flags in front of the museum. Discussion was then held about the guidelines for accepting artifacts. Forms titled "Deed of Gifts to EAHS" are to be completed when accepting donations. Anyone who brings in items to donate needs to complete this form. Items donated must be time period late 1800's to early 1900's. A suggestion was made that there be another form that would state that EAHS is not held responsible for any damage to, or loss of, said items.

Public Relations--Susan Nelson reported that the committee is planning a press release to share the museum with the public when the museum project is completed. A discussion was held about showing appreciation to all the donors who have made the project possible. One suggestion is to print the donor list on old looking newsprint and insert it in the local newspaper. Because old newsprint is scarce, that would be costly, around \$180.00. Coren Printing is working on finding/creating printing paper that looks similar. No information about price from them yet. Discussion was held about having donor lists available upon request. In response to a question about the town having our website and phone number on their website, Susan said they have a link to our website, but she will check with them about updating their website to include our information there.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported that Donna Ivie sent her a list of Sundowners who have volunteered to work at the museum. 4 people have volunteered their services. Marcia reported that it is sometimes not possible to have all the time slots filled for each

month. During discussion it was suggested that the monthly schedule be sent out to the entire membership instead of just the museum volunteers membership, and include a statement about the need for more volunteers. Marcia said this suggestion will be implemented for the May schedule.

Tour of Homes--Donna Ivie reported that she is still working to find some homes in the older parts of Eaton. She has homes in Governor's Ranch and Hawkstone now.

Carriage House--Carolyn Prior, reporting for Dick Leffler, said that Ken Bell, Dick Leffler, Faye Lebsack, and Carolyn Prior are meeting with the town to present their landscaping plan. The cost is expected to be around \$7000, which the town will cover. She also reported that the following projects still need completing; replacing the back door of the house, installing a railing by the back door, and purchasing a small storage shed, which will have to be placed on a cement pad. The shed will be able to house tables and chairs that will be purchased for use on the CH patio.

Old Business:

Carolyn Prior reviewed the guidelines for CH and museum use for private use of our facilities. She said that the town has approved of the agreement. She then presented the updated committee guidelines as determined by the EAHS Board.

New Business:

President Carolyn reported that the upcoming window cleaning project by A-1 Window Cleaning will cost \$455. All windows, inside and outside, for both buildings, are included in that price quote. After discussion Terrie James moved and Peg Riley seconded that we accept the bid. Motion carried. In reference to changing out some of the light fixtures in the house, Carolyn reported that the town will pay the electrician to remove the old light fixtures and replace the new, but EAHS will pay for the new fixtures. She then reminded us that general meetings will not be held in July, August, and December.

Bill Martin moved and Peg Riley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary