

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27, 2022

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 13 members were present. President Carolyn Prior called the meeting to order, and called for the reading of the May minutes. Since the minutes were sent out to the membership shortly after the May meeting, it was suggested we dispense with the reading. A correction was made, and Diane Holmberg moved we approve the minutes as corrected. Julianna Fritz seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was as follows:

2022 Beginning Balance General Checking	\$ 8,384.37
2022 GC Income	\$46,289.28
2022 GC Expenses	\$11,005.30
2022 GC Total as of May 31, 2022	\$43,668.35

Discussion followed concerning reimbursements to members using their own funds to purchase items for EAHS. Dick Leffler suggested that because EAHS would be reimbursed for expenses that occur, the budget could be amended at year end. Marcia Schmidke moved we approve the treasurer's report as read. Dick Leffler seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Peg Riley reported that EAHS membership now has 25 individual memberships, 25 couple, 18 family, and 5 business, for a total of 73.

Committee Reports:

History and Research--Georgia Inloes reported that she placed a news clipping from July 3-4, 1913, in the Herald-Voice that showed the activities available during Eaton Days that year. Discussion was had about another cemetery tour occurring maybe in early Fall 2022 or Spring 2023.

Museum Care--June Gustafson reported that most of the redecorating of the museum is finished. The sewing room is being painted and flooring and trim work will follow.

Public Relations--June Gustafson, reporting for Susan Nelson, said the committee had discussed what future activities EAHS might have to share the museum with the public. One suggestion was an open house in September. She said there will be an ad in the Herald-Voice this week promoting the museum.

Museum Volunteers--Discussion was held about what hours the museum should be open on July 9, Eaton Days. It was decided that the usual hours of 10-2 would be followed. It could be

open after 2 if an arranged tour had been scheduled.

Tour of Homes--Donna Ivie reported that the committee has decided to set the ticket purchase price to \$15, whether one buys the ticket prior to the tour or at one of the homes during the tour. She also reported that we have only 2 homes on the tour now. The only homes left are in Governor's Ranch. We need 3 more homes, preferably in other parts of the Eaton community.

Carriage House--Carolyn Prior reported that Faye Lebsack has been working on weeding around the yard at the museum. So far she has collected 24+ large bags of pine needles, weeds, etc. Carolyn Prior reported that the outside faucet on the CH doesn't work, so Dick will look into it. Hopefully, Troy Hauer will replace the back door of the house museum this week, and the permit for the construction of the CH is still not cleared with the town.

Old Business:

Carolyn Prior reported that she attended a Questers' tea. This is the group that donated the funds for our front porch furniture.

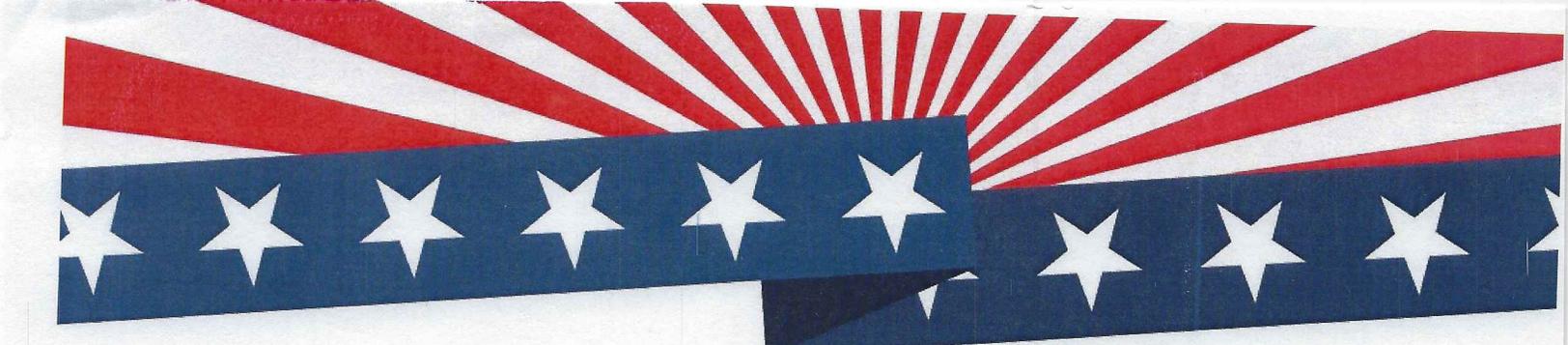
New Business:

Carolyn Prior reported that she has learned that the town has yet to update the insurance coverage for the museum/CH. She said that EAHS and the town are still working together to solve the contents insurance issue. During the Eaton Days discussion, Juliann Fritz volunteered to check with the Milne family about using one of their vehicles/wagons, etc. in the parade. The entry form for the parade is due July 6. She said that the Golden Association luncheon is July 7, so the museum might expect more visitors than usual on that Thursday. She reported that the family of Bill Ross named EAHS as one of its memorials, which resulted in a generous donation coming to us. She will visit with the family about how we should use that donation. Discussion was had about donated items still stored at Dick Leffler's farm. It was determined that the Ault Museum be contacted to see if they would be interested in the items. Discussion followed about the use of donated items that do not fit the 1880's-early 1900's era theme. Dick Leffler suggested that we still display these items because they once belonged to Eaton pioneer families. Bill Martin reported that Legion Post #26 and Eaton Fire Protection District will host a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, July 10, from 7-10 AM, on the west side of the Eaton Community Center.

The group was reminded that the next EAHS general meeting will be held September 26, as no meetings are scheduled for July and August. At 8 PM Mary Jimenez moved we adjourn. Dick Leffler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary



**American Legion Post 26 & Eaton Fire Protection
District**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, July 10th

7:00 AM-10:30 AM

At the Eaton Area Community Center on the west side

All you can eat!!

\$ 5.00 per person for pre-sale

\$ 7.00 per person the day of

Children under the age of 2 years are free!

Tables and chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring blankets for Picnic Style eating!

Proceeds will go toward the American Legion Post 26, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 26, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 26 and Eaton Fire Firefighter Fund.

Tickets may be purchased at the event or through American Legion Post 26 or at the Eaton Fire Station. *Cash only, please.

