

## Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2023

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Rec Center. 14 members were present. President Carolyn Prior called the meeting to order by reminding the group that, since the minutes are shared with the membership by email after each meeting, the reading of the minutes is not necessary. She then called for the treasurer's report. Treasurer Dick Leffler reported the following:

2023 Beginning Balance General Checking: \$57,227.90

2023 Income: \$8,900.00

2023 Expenses: \$48,350.00

2023 Ending Balance Including \$25,000 CD: \$42,777.90

After discussion Mary Jimenez moved the treasurer's report be approved. Peg Riley seconded. Motion carried.

The Membership report by Membership Chair Mary Jimenez followed. Lifetime members, 9; Individual, 21; Couple, 21; Family, 17; Business, 5; for a total of 68 members. She said that, in addition to the dues, \$1451 in donation were received.

### Committee Reports:

Museum Care--Emily Haythorn reported on the following updates for February 2023: Rugs have been ordered for entryway, upstairs hallway, master bedroom, and library; Christmas decorations are coming down and a thorough cleaning will take place before re-staging for Spring and Summer; 1950's Eaton "Pep Club" banner is coming down, getting cleaned, and rehomed to the CH; Orange oiling of all antique furniture will occur;

Paint bids will go out for interior rooms on the main floor; Parts are to be purchased for an antique pendant light and an electrician hired to hang it in the old kitchen. Also the following projects are underway with Artist Tom Segura: An Eaton flour sack for the old kitchen; Shadow boxes for the sewing room; A christening gown; A shadow box for a Purple Heart in the military collection; Re-staging of the shadow box in the upstairs hallway with an antique dress belonging to an Eaton pioneer.

Fund Raising--Terrie James reported that she and Daniel Geary of Lone Tree Antiques are discussing an appraisal session as a fund raiser to include the following: Offer an appraisal session at either his shop or the museum, charge \$5-\$10 per session, on a Saturday from 10-12 and 1-4, proceeds to go to EAHS. Advertise on the EAHS website and in the newspaper; antiques, not jewelry. She and Ruth Ann Roberts are making plans for other events such as the following: Sell breakfast burritos to the Eaton Days parade participants before the parade and to the parade watchers during the parade; Do a "Painting on the Patio" activity; "Photos With Nina" event like we did last Christmas. Other ideas include "Christmas Cocktails", create antique maps of Eaton, EAHS T-shirts and EAHS calendars, and participate in the Fall Farmer's Market selling EAHS merchandise. Carolyn Prior followed by sharing antique photos that have been repurposed as funny greeting cards to sell at the CH Store.

Public Relations--June Gustafson reported that the committee is working with the Fund Raising committee to advertise said committee's activities.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported that a regional car club is planning a visit to the museum March 18.

History and Research--Nomie Ketterling reported that she has been sorting through materials in the Accession Room on Thursday afternoons at 2 and invited the members to help. Ellen Dykstra from the Eaton Library spoke to the group about the library digitizing project of Eaton historical materials. She suggested we might start by focusing on a particular pioneer family or two. She said other focus topics might include military and school

materials. Nomie reported that on March 23 at 4 PM, the library will hold an unveiling ceremony for their new statue called "Hero's Journey".

Old Business--Carolyn Prior reported that the project for Spring will be the shed. She said contractor Johnny Duncan is planning to do the project, but we have yet to receive information about cost from him.

New Business--Carolyn Prior reported that she will visit with the town about the painting project at the museum.

Terrie James then moved we adjourn. Marcia Schmidke seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schmidke, Secretary