

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes - Monday, September 25, 2023

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Community Center. 13 members and 4 guests were present. Before the meeting we were privileged to hear from longtime resident and barber, Gene Smallwood and his wife Jan. The meeting followed the presentation. The reading of the minutes was cancelled due to time constraints.

Treasurer Dick Leffler gave a quick rundown about EAHS finances as follows:

Bank of Colorado Beginning Balance(8/1/2023)	\$22,753.69
Bank of Colorado Ending Balance(8/31/2023)	\$22,557.03

No report given pertaining to Membership.

Committee Reports:

Museum Care--Carolyn Prior, reporting for Emily Haythorn, read a list of changes to the care/decor of the house museum since June 2023. They include:

Landscape cleanup and weeding

Addition of an antique phone and vintage light fixture in the old kitchen

New LED lights in the chandeliers as well as new light fixtures throughout the house

Orange oiling of several pieces of furniture in the parlor, library, girl's bedroom and back porch

Organizing of storage in upstairs bathroom and master closet

New display of a Swedish dress, Swedish dolls, photograph, oak chair and wall hanging in the sewing room

Addition of antique rocking chairs, children's hall tree and round end table found throughout the house

Fall touches in the fireplace room

New wallpaper coming this week in the downstairs bathroom and above the fireplace

Museum Volunteers--Carolyn Prior reported that the museum will be closed November 20-December 1 for Christmas decorating. It will reopen December 2.

Fund Raising--Terrie James reported a good time for all who attended the Painting on the Patio event on Saturday, September 23. She said she has made more ornaments to sell at the CH Store. EAHS and PEO will combine efforts for the October 21 Craft Fair at the Rec center. A Holiday Historical Society Party event is in the works for December 2. After much discussion it was the opinion of many in attendance that the event should remain a private party open to members and guests only. The committee will work out the details and report back to the membership.

The Old Fashion Christmas at the museum is scheduled for December 9.

Public Relations--June Gustafson reported that pricing has changed for the following books:

Blue Books, \$30, 1992 Eaton Centennial Book \$25, plus more have been printed;

Historical Eaton Book \$20, plus it has been reprinted. In addition flyers have been reprinted as well.

History and Research--Georgia Inloes plans to write an article about Gene Smallwood's presentation this evening.

Archival Committee--Shan Watkins reported that members have been grouped into focus subcommittees.

Old Business--Capital Improvements have been submitted to the town, but we haven't heard back yet.

New Business--Carolyn Prior asked that the members be thinking of program ideas related to the history of Eaton.

Nomie Ketterling moved that we adjourn. Mary Jimenez seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Schmidke, Secretary