

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 29, 2024

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Eaton Area Community Center. 7 members were present.

The reading of the Treasurer's report opened the meeting:

2024 EAHS Beginning Balance	\$20,111.22
2024 Income	\$ 7,480.00
2024 Expenses	\$ 745.10
Total	\$26,846.10
2024 Total Balance including CD	\$52,960.02

Nomie Ketterling moved we accept the Treasurer's report as given. Marcia Schmidke seconded. Motion carried.

- Membership Chair Mary Jimenez presented the following membership numbers: Individual memberships, 21; Couple, 21; Family, 17; Business, 7. 25 different members included extra donations with their membership dues.

Committee Reports:

- Museum Care--the painting of the main floor rooms is completed. The furniture, wall hangings, etc. are being returned to their respective rooms and cleaning is in progress. Spring cleaning of landscaping is ongoing.

- Ladies Auxiliary--Connie Williams reported the following: Military items in the CH Accession Room are being moved to the CH main floor. They intend that every branch of military service will be represented in their displays. The back wall of the CH main floor will soon be covered with vinyl and canvas materials, upon which, a collage of the many photos of Eaton veterans we frequently see displayed in Eaton. Local artist/photographer Nina Lewis is creating a banner containing the names of veterans buried in the Eaton Cemetery. Also planned are hand-outs with information about the military members of the community.

- Public Relations--Carolyn Prior, reporting for Ruth Ann Roberts, said that the schedule for Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, May 4, is full. She said that EAHS could net some funds from the event, but the event is more for publicity than for fund raising. Advertising has been placed on Facebook, the Eaton Community page, Next Door, *The Greeley Tribune*, *North Weld Herald*, and Nunn, Pierce, and Ault town papers.

- Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported that it continues to be a problem each month getting all the time slots filled with volunteers. She and Georgia Inloes, Co-chair of the committee, have discussed some ideas about how to fill those slots, such as cutting back on the number of hours the museum is open and/or changing the days the museum is open. Approximately 30-36 volunteers are needed most months. Right now the museum/CH is open 2 hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 4 hours on Saturdays. 2 people are necessary

per time slot, especially now that we have 2 separate buildings to share with visitors. She said that they are open to any suggestions to help this ongoing issue.

- Digitizing—Nomie Ketterling reported that the committee is currently inventorying items to be digitized. And it would be helpful to have forms of some kind to keep a record of what has been digitized.

New Business:

- Attendance Survey Results--Carolyn Prior reported on the 5 responses we received to our email. Suggestions include the following; meetings quarterly instead of monthly; meeting earlier in the day instead of evening; meeting at the library or the CH instead of the rec center; have more programs/speakers; alternate between business meetings and programs; and broadcast the meetings via Zoom.

- Carolyn Prior reported that Roger Huffenberger donated an electric blower to the historical society.

- Carolyn Prior reported that the board approved a new subcommittee to be part of the Museum Care committee. It will be called The Community Military Collection. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Museum Care committee will work together.

- Discussion suggested that a roster of members and their phone numbers and email addresses be shared with the membership.

- On May 18, Armed Forces Day, McCarty's Restaurant is donating a portion of their proceeds to the Eaton American Legion Post in honor of military service members.

Since Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day, Nomie Ketterling moved we cancel the May general meeting. Connie Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Schmidke, Secretary