

EAHS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, October 28, 2024, at 4 PM, at the Carriage House. 13 members were present.

Vice-President Nomie Ketterling called for the reading of the September minutes. After such, VP Nomie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dick Leffler moved that we accept the minutes as read. Roger Huffenberger seconded. Motion carried.

Dick Leffler followed with the treasurer's report;

2024 Beginning Balance Checking as of September 30, 2024	\$20,111.22
2024 Income	\$18,085.25
2024 Expenses	\$12,411.92
Total Balance including \$26,113.90 CD	\$51,898.45

Ruth Ann Roberts moved we approve the treasurer's report as given. Terri James seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Mary Gibbs-Jimenez reported no change in membership since the last report.

Committee Reports:

Museum Care--President Nomie, reporting for Emily Haythorn, said that the museum will be closed November 7, 21, and 23 for Christmas decorating. It was also reported that Johnny Duncan will be doing some handyman jobs outside by the shed and upstairs in the library closet.

Military Subcommittee--VP Nomie, reporting for Connie Williams and President Carolyn Prior, said that Connie and Carolyn had met with Greg Brinck on October 2 to begin discussion with the town about the need for a military museum location. They will be presenting to the Town Board meeting on Thursday, November 21. Members' attendance at that meeting is welcome.

Fundraising--Terri James reported that the Holiday Party for the membership is scheduled on Sunday, December 29. A suggestion was made to do a special invitation to Bruce and Brenda Bormann and Nancy Donahoo.

Public Relations--Ruth Ann Roberts reported that Carolyn Prior and Susan Nelson met recently for the purpose of creating a photo journal of the museum home/CH that would tell a story about the collections/artifacts that have been acquired. Examples would be items such as the Eaton National Bank money, the child's mini stove, etc. Ruth Ann also said that appraiser Daniel Geary visited the museum recently and is doing an appraisal on the money.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported that she and Georgia still are having problems filling all the time slots needed to keep the museum open during the scheduled hours. Discussion was had on how to address this problem. Suggestions include the following: establish spring, summer, fall vs winter hours; remove the extra 2 hours from the Saturday schedule; and do a study of the data to determine which days and times are most affected.

History and Research--Nomie reported that she is meeting with Michael from RMMI Digital Document Solutions when he gets back to her. They will discuss the digitizing of museum items. An archival meeting will focus on pioneer families.

Old Business: • Discussion was had about forming a committee to begin looking at the many items taking up space in the loft and make a 2025 goal to decide what to do with said items. • A reminder was given that Mary Gibbs-Jimenez has submitted her resignation as Membership Chair as of December 31, 2024. If anyone is interested in becoming the next Membership Chair, please let Carolyn Prior know. • The Annual Meeting is on the horizon in January 2025, so it is time to think about election of officers for 2025.

New Business: • Discussion was had about donating to Wreaths Across America again this Christmas season. Last year's donation was \$102 for 6 wreaths. The ceremony this year will be December 14.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Schmidke, Secretary