

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes - Monday, September 30, 2024

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, September 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Eaton Area Community Center. 9 members were present. Since the minutes are emailed to all members each month, those present at the meeting declined to hear the reading of them and considered them approved as read.

Treasurer Dick Leffler provided the following report:

2024 Beginning Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$20,111.22
2024 Income	\$18,085.25
2024 Expenses	\$12,075.56
\$25,000 CD + Interest Income	\$26,113.90
Total Balance Including CD	\$52,234.81

Following discussion Peg Riley moved we approve the report as given. June Gustafson seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Nothing new since last report.

Committee Reports(some of these reports were provided by email rather than in person):

Museum Care--Emily Haythorn reported that many new furniture pieces and additions have been acquired for the museum. The committee continues to organize, sort, and preserve items throughout the home and CH.

Military Subcommittee--Carolyn Prior reported that she and Connie Williams are planning a meeting with the city to discuss another venue for our collection of military items. The Legion Auxiliary has determined that the CH is insufficient size-wise for adequate displaying of our large collection of items.

Fundraiser--Terri James reported that they are working on an event that will honor and entertain the EAHS members, volunteers, and Town of Eaton entities who contribute to our organization in many ways. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that an Appreciation Open House will be held on Sunday, December 29, 2024, from 2-5 PM. Dick Leffler moved we hold such an event and send email invitations to the above mentioned honorees. Carolyn Sutter seconded. Motion carried.

Public Relations--Susan Nelson reported that the EAHS web pages have been kept current with news items, Georgia Inloes' newspaper articles, and the EAHS meeting minutes. She said that during the last 90 days we had 39 visits to the site, 14 of which found us via a Google search. That indicates outside interest and tells us the site is working as it should be. Ruth Ann Roberts reported on the inventory she took of the cards and books in the EAHS store. A discussion was had about fundraising ideas for 2025. The ideas included creation of a 2026 EAHS calendar, pioneer photos sales, and creation of a calendar of Northeast Colorado museums.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported about the numbers of visitors to the museum and the numbers related to volunteers' support from January-September 2024. The museum has seen 169 visitors so far, which averages out to about 19 per month. We have 29 members who are on the museum volunteers committee. The number of volunteers needed per month averages 32-36(2 volunteers per time period). Frequently, we do not have enough volunteers to fill the time slots, which means the museum is not open at times it is scheduled to be open.

Old Business: • The board continues to be concerned about the low attendance at general meetings. Discussion was had about changes to time, place, and number of meetings per year. The decision was made to discuss the issue at the January 11, 2025 Annual Meeting, to be held at the Eaton Community Church at 9:30 AM.

New Business: • President Carolyn reported on the EAHS board's discussion about decluttering the Accession Room. Many items are not useful for display anymore, since they do not reflect the focus on the Eaton family and the 1880's-early 1900's era. She shared the idea of auctioning off unusable items through a local auction house, whereby the profit from said sale would be income for our treasury. Discussion suggested that a committee be established to evaluate which items to keep and which to go to auction. More discussion will occur later. • President Carolyn then reported that Mary Gibbs-Jimenez has resigned from Membership Chair. She shared Mary's note with the group.

The next EAHS general meeting will be held Monday, October 28, at 4:00 PM at the CH.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM. Respectfully submitted, Marcia Schmidke, Secretary