

Eaton Area Historical Society General Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 25, 2024

The Eaton Area Historical Society general meeting was held Monday, November 25 at 4:00 PM at the Carriage House. 7 members were present. In the absence of President Carolyn Prior and Vice-President Nomie Ketterling, Secretary Marcia Schmidke called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Dick Leffler, Treasurer, reported the following:

2024 Beginning Balance Checking as of October 31, 2024	\$20,111.22
2024 Income	\$18,585.25
2024 Expenses	\$12,500.94
CD + Interest	\$26,113.90
Total Balance including CD	\$52,309.43

Treasurer Dick reported that EAHS is in good shape financially.

Mary Gibbs-Jimenez, Membership Chair, reported that there have been no new changes in membership since last month's report.

Committee Reports:

Museum Care--Emily Haythorn, via a printed report, said the house museum is decorated and the CH will be decorated next week. New work has been done in the upstairs library closet, new door handles have been placed on the back doors to the house, and new rock has been added to the area where the gas pump is.

Military Sub Committee--Connie Williams and Carolyn Prior presented to the Town Board the idea for a temporary location for the military collection since the CH has proven to not be adequate for display purposes.

Fund Raising--Terri James and Carolyn Sutter reported on the plans for the Holiday Party Celebration Sunday, December 29, from 2-4 PM at the museum. Invitations will be sent out by email on November 26, with reminders going out on December 20 and 26. Non-email members will receive their invitations by mail. An ad for the upcoming Hometown Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 7, will be in the North Weld Herald this week. Museum visitors will receive cookies and cider while touring, which means cookie maker volunteers are needed!

Public Relations--Ruth Ann Roberts reported on the EAHS Christmas tree set up at the Eaton Rec Center. Discussion was had about the EAHS basket of items to be auctioned off during the Hometown Christmas Celebration. Terri James reported on additional items to think about selling at the EAHS store, such as tea towels, aprons, etc. She and Tom Segura have been having discussions concerning this idea.

Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported on the data about the number of visitors to the museum throughout 2024 and the problem of not enough volunteers to staff the museum during open days.

History and Research Archival Sub committee--Dick Leffler reported on today's meeting with Michael from Digital Documents Solutions. He said Elizabeth Beaudoin, a museum curator for the Broomfield Veterans Museum, is willing to help with our collections. She was referred to us by Michael. He also reported that a contract needs to be made with Michael before he can provide his services.

Old Business:

During the discussion about deciding how many EAHS meetings to hold per year, the general consensus was to change to 4 meetings per year, with January, April, June, and October being the favored months.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday morning, January 11, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the Eaton Community Church. A brunch will be provided. Members volunteering to make egg casseroles were Ruth Ann Roberts, Carolyn Sutter, and Terri James. All committee chairs are asked to please have a 2024 report available to present at the meeting.

Dick Leffler moved we adjourn. Terri James seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Schmidke, Secretary