

EATON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

The Eaton Area Historical Society Annual Meeting was held Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the Eaton Community Church.

18 members and 3 guests were present. A brunch was served, followed by the meeting at 10:15 AM.

President Carolyn Prior began the meeting with a review of 2024. The treasurer's report was then given by Dick Leffler. He reported that the CD had been moved from the Independent Bank to the Bank of Colorado. He then reported on the end-of-year balance for 2024 and the proposed budget for 2025. He noted that, starting in 2025, the Town of Eaton will pay directly for capital expenses, rather than EAHS paying and the town paying us back.

2024 Beginning Balance (11/30/2024)	\$20,111.22
2024 Income	\$18,735.23
2024 Expenses	\$13,436.21
CD including interest	\$26,113.90
Total Balance including CD	\$51,524.16

Dick then reported on the 2025 Proposed Budget.

2025 Beginning Balance	\$26,722.85
2025 Income	\$10,000.00
2025 Expenses	\$13,000.00
CD including interest	\$27,345.81
Total Balance including interest	\$54,068.66

The membership report was as follows: Individual memberships; 20, Couple; 24, Family; 21, Lifetime; 7, for a total of 78.

Committee Reports:

- Museum Care--Emily Haythorn presented a summary of the changes, updates and improvements made at the A. J. Eaton House museum.
- Military subcommittee--Connie Williams reported that her committee is now on hold while waiting on the Town Board to make a decision about an alternate location for the military collection belonging to EAHS. The CH location has been determined to not have enough room to display the many military items in the society's collection.
- Museum Volunteers--Marcia Schmidke reported on the visitor numbers and volunteer issues and needs for 2024.
- Fundraiser Events--Ruth Ann Roberts reported on the variety of fundraising events held during 2024.
- Public Relations--Susan Nelson reported that the EAHS website has seen a 3% increase of views since 2023. Terri James reported that the December 2024 Open House for EAHS members/town officials/Chamber members was such a success that we need to hold another one. She also said the committee is working on coming up with ideas for more items for the CH store. She reported that we have a possible place to put a sign advertising the museum, so now we need to think about finding someone to create a sign.
- Digitizing subcommittee--Carolyn Prior welcomed Amber Greene, representing Eaton Public Library, and thanked her for continuing our digitizing efforts. A digitizing contract has been made with RMMI Digital Solutions in Westminster funded by the Eaton Public Library, for which we are grateful.

Amber reported that making Colorado history information available to the public is an important goal.

Old Business:

Carolyn Prior reported that, starting in 2025, EAHS general meetings will be held on a quarterly basis; January, April, June, and October. Members will receive monthly updates/news about EAHS and the museum by email. Committees will meet as needed throughout the year.

New Business:

President Carolyn welcomed Chamber of Commerce President, Tyler Wright. He spoke about upcoming Chamber events and welcomed EAHS to Chamber membership. Tyler invited EAHS members to attend the Chamber meetings, which are held the third Thursday of each month. He said the Chamber website spotlights different member groups monthly. As a Chamber member EAHS will benefit from that publicity.

Following our business meeting, the election of 2025 officers was held. Carolyn Prior opened the floor to nominations. As none were offered, she announced the Board's slate:

President--Carolyn Prior

Vice-President--Brenda Fischer

Secretary--Marcia Schmidke

Treasurer--Dick Leffler and Debi Dyer

Membership Chair--Nomie Ketterling

As there were no objections or nominations from the floor, the above mentioned individuals will be the 2025 EAHS Officers.

Following Officer Recognition the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Schmidke, Secretary