

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – January 6, 2014.

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Because others were at another meeting, Jack McDonough presided over this meeting and called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 17 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Helen Goransson read the minutes of the December meeting and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report –Richard Bogh, past treasurer, presented the annual financial report for the period 12/1/12 through 11/30/13. The balance in the savings account as of 11/30/13 was \$20,927.17 vs. \$20,906.31 as of the end of last year. \$20.86 in interest was earned. For the same time frame, the balance in the certificate of deposit ended at \$10,745.34 vs. \$10,702.45, the difference coming from interest earned. The checking account, which started with \$3,671.82 was at \$4,800.12 as of 11/30/13. Debits came from rent, insurance, utilities, supplies, and donations and gifts, totaling \$3,142.15. Credits of \$4,270.45 came mostly from fundraising (\$2,415.45), Kennebunk Savings Bank's community donations (\$1,135) and donations, royalties and gifts (\$230), on top of dues collected (\$490). Richard also delivered the financial report for the month of December, showing a balance in checking as of 1/6/14 of \$4,798.09 due to \$219 of income from the Christmas Bazaar and donations for book sales, and disbursements for rent, electricity, supplies and a donation to the Great Works Land Trust. As of 12/31/13 the savings account stood at \$20,929, after \$1.83 of interest was added to the account. All reports were approved.

Carol Zamarchi, on behalf of the group, thanked Richard for the financial reports and his great work as treasurer this past year.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Correspondence, Building, Education, Collections, and Grants – Nothing new to report.

Membership Committee – Sylvia Moynahan noted that the new rate for membership is now \$10 per year, but is still \$50 for lifetime individual membership or \$75 for family membership. Jack McDonough asked what the current membership total is, and Sylvia estimated there were 55-60 members. Next month she will provide a report by membership category, if desired.

Programs Committee – Carol Zamarchi reported that we are still open to ideas for programs and there were some suggestions made. She will share the annual calendar of programs later.

PR/Publicity – Carolyn Bogh reported that the round table for veterans event filled the room at the Library, although most of those attending were related to those presenting. It was well received by all who were there. Paul Johnson filmed the event which she hopes we will view in the future.

Fund Raising – Cindy Lentz said that the high school Christmas fair was great and we earned \$159, which is much better than past years. She thanked all those who helped. This coming Thursday is the Grange dinner that the EHS puts on for that group and Cindy reviewed the plans and needs and timing for the event. Although they were willing to pay a fee to us for the service provided, we negotiated to do the event in return for 3 months of rent for the Grange instead.

There was no **NEW BUSINESS**, except that Jack McDonough thanked Cindy Lentz and Sylvia Moynahan for the refreshments. We also sang Happy Birthday to Jeannette Paul who recently celebrated her 91st.

The next meeting will be on February 3, 2014. The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and Carol Zamarchi introduced the evening's program which was the viewing of the DVD which was made of the Bicentennial of Eliot, which took place in 2010. We enjoyed the refreshments while we took this little trip down memory lane. It is hard to believe that was almost four years ago. Time flies.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goransson - Secretary