

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – February 3, 2014.

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President Rosanne Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7 p.m. There were 27 people in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report – Toni Searles, treasurer, presented the January financial report. The balance in the savings account as of 1/31/14 was \$20,930.78, with the account earning interest of \$1.78 during the month. For the same time frame, the balance in the certificate of deposit was \$10,752.52, having earned interest of \$3.65. The checking account, which started with \$4,798.09 was at \$4,877.89, with credits of \$95 in membership dues and a debit of \$15.20 for the electric bill. The report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Membership Committee – Sylvia Moynahan reported that there are 38 life members and 29 annual members, for a total of 67 active members. When she took over this assignment there were 92 listed members, so 25 on the list have not renewed.

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

Collections Committee – Julie Johnson reported that we have received slides from Peggy Elliott of the Eliot Festival, some photos of the Eliot High School principal, and a box of stereo slides from the Stewart/Fernald collection. Zip Zamarchi will be looking them over with his slide viewers.

Fund Raising – Cindy Lentz said that the dinner for the Grange was successful. Coming up is the annual antiques appraisal event on March 8th at the Methodist Church. Members were requested to come that day to help and sign up for baked goods. End 68 Hours of Hunger now has 29 children so we should continue to bring in food donations. On February 21st there will be a fundraiser for them – a concert at the Methodist Church. An email will go out about this. Cindy asked that members share the flyer for the March 8th event and put some up around town. Denny Lentz will also send an email with details.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack McDonough suggested having some paid presenters if the topic would be of interest to the group.

Richard Bogh noted that we need an audit of the annual financial report. Julie Johnson volunteered to do so. The by-laws state that this is to be presented in the March meeting.

There was some discussion about the town cemeteries and who is responsible for maintaining them. Rosanne said that the town is responsible for cemeteries that have veterans buried there, by state law. There are around 160 private cemeteries in Eliot. Ancient cemeteries are those that are earlier than 1880 or 1890. In general, property owners are responsible for them, and, if not, the town is.

In regards to the cemetery that was damaged, the contractors have said that it will be taken care of in the spring.

The next meeting will be on March 3, 2014.

Rosanne thanked Susan Reid and Carol Zamarchi for the refreshments.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and Carol Zamarchi introduced the evening's program which was the viewing of a film about the Memorial Bridge showing the old one coming down and the new one going up. Carol hopes to obtain the one that has a historical perspective of the bridge for us to view in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goransson - Secretary