

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – April 7, 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 23 people in attendance. There was a moment of silence in memory of John T. Sullivan who has passed away.

Secretary's Report – Rosanne Adams read the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2014. Helen Goransson read the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting. They were both approved.

Treasurer's Report – Toni Searles, treasurer, presented the March financial report. The balance in the savings account as of 3/31/14 was \$20,934.17, with the account earning interest of \$1.78 during the month. For the same time frame, the balance in the certificate of deposit was \$10,756.17, having earned interest of \$3.30. The checking account, which started with \$5,094.57, was at \$5,975.96, with credits of \$1055 from the antique appraisal event in March and debits for electricity, annual state report filing, donation to the Epilepsy Foundation in memory of John Sullivan, and \$100 to the Eliot United Methodist Church for use of the facility for our event. The report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Education Committee – Jeanette Paul and Paul Johnson will be at the No. 8 Schoolhouse with the Eliot second graders on May 16th.

Fundraising Committee reported that the antiques appraisal was a success. Keith Searles mentioned that if we announce that an event will end at 4 p.m. then we should stay until then. Others thought that in the future it might be better to start earlier and end earlier.

Carol Zamarchi, on behalf of Cindy Lentz, announced that the next fundraiser will be a house tour on Saturday, July 12th, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., ending in a garden tour and tea party. We will be setting up at the town gazebo to sell tickets that day. We will need volunteers and helpers for ticket sales, monitoring the house tours, and making and serving food and beverages for the garden party.

Old Business – Carol Zamarchi reported that Mike Zamarchi brought high school students to clean cemeteries, but snow deterred them. However, the students did work at the Fogg Library, Frost Tufts Park and the boat basin. They swept and did yard work.

Rosanne thanked the committee who worked on the appraisal day and Hap Moore and Lee Horowitz and noted that the Historical Society will send a letter of thanks to them.

There will be a dedication of the Richardson memorial bench at the Schoolhouse on May 10th. The family requested that it be just the Richardsons and members of the Eliot Historical Society. The time will be 4 p.m. The Schoolhouse will already be set up for people to visit inside, too, and have refreshments. Rosanne suggested sending postcards to the members about this. On that Friday the children will come and we will have an open house the following day, May 17th. This should all be publicized and Carolyn Bogh should be working on communicating this information to the public. Denny Lentz suggested inviting the new town manager to the private event for the Richardsons. Sylvia Moynahan thought it would be better to announce to those who come to the meetings, so this should be announced again at the May meeting for those members who attend that. Paul Johnson said that the weekend beforehand we need a crew to spruce up the place.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Faulkner pointed out that when they plowed during the snowstorms, the town cut in on the town cemetery and someone was plowing snow right into the cemetery, so that portion of the town cemetery needs to be repaired, raked and regraded. Rosanne suggested we write a letter to the town manager and see what the town can do. Ray would like to see railings and/or posts put up and having a nursery put in some plantings. The town officials should contact Ray if they want more details.

Carol Zamarchi announced that the Zamarchis have books about Portsmouth and other places if anyone wishes to borrow and return them.

The next meeting will be on May 5, 2014.

Rosanne thanked Skip and Margie Brown for the refreshments.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and Carol Zamarchi introduced the evening's program where she passed out a questionnaire and we all tried to answer questions pertaining to Eliot to see how much we know about our town.

There were 20 questions. Questions and answers are attached. Then we enjoyed the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goransson - Secretary