

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes, as taped, for the meeting of January 5, 2009
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He wished them a Happy New Year. There were 30 in attendance including guests. Guests were Jeanette Paul's granddaughter, Pam and great granddaughter, Morgan; Eric Christian's daughter, Maria; Mr. & Mrs. Pierson and Ernie Brunell. Those in attendance sang happy birthday to Jeanette Paul.

Secretary's Report In the absence of the secretary, Denny read the minutes for the December meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson reported that there were debits for document framing and a purchase of a projector screen for \$169.99 giving the general checking account balance of \$3,203.72. The #8 schoolhouse fund has a balance of \$947.50 giving a total checking account balance of \$4,151.22. The savings account has a balance of \$7,147.15.

Committee Chair Reports

Program Carol Zamarchi said she had no problem lining up speakers for the 2009 program. The February program will be done by Ken Gilson about "Valentines" from the early 20th century.

Collections Julie Johnson said she recently prepared a newly framed document, Against the Incorporation of Eliot, which is on display after the meeting.

Membership Report Judith Hilt reminded everyone that memberships are now due for 2009. She has just received \$150. Regular dues are \$5 and \$75 for lifetime members.

Building Paul Johnson reported that he, Zip & Denny did wiring and some new lighting at the Grange where they also hung a new movie screen purchased by the Historical Society. They did some patching of the ceiling and the back wall. They also are trying to improve the kitchen. Paul said there would be a workday the following Friday, the 9th at 9AM.

Fund Raising Carol said that their committee had a wonderful luncheon meeting at Sally Hartford's home. They now want to concentrate on 2010.

Education Jeanette Paul had no report, but looks forward to spring for the student's visit to our school.

Bi-Centennial Planning Zip Zamarchi said they've had no meetings recently.

OLD BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee had not met yet. Denny said it must be done soon as the current officers terms are up.

Paul said a thank you again to Helen and Paul Goransson for their generous donation of the opening night tickets to the Seacoast Repertory Theatre. Denny said the evening was wonderful.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Faulkner said he had hoped to talk with Roseanne. He has discovered 2 rows of additional burial stones in the Maple Ave. cemetery. He has photos to show how the city had dumped snow on some of the burials. Denny said he would speak with William Shapley about the snow problem on the north east corner of the cemetery.

The business meeting was then adjourned. Denny turned the program over to Carol.

Carol introduced Paul and Julie Johnson to narrate "Education Day at the Number 8 Schoolhouse". Carol first acknowledged the on going work done by Paul and Julie at the school. Paul explained that the program would be in two parts. The first showed pictures of the history and restoration of the school. He showed pictures of when the building was used as a firehouse and the interior was in disrepair. Tom Flynn and Aaron Sturgess, restoration experts were called upon to design work completed by Richard Shapley and carpenter, Lindy Leavitt. The second part of the program focused on the student field trips to the school. Paul said that Carolyn Bogh first had the idea and coordinated the field trips with the Principal and the school system. Pictures of the student's 2007 field trips showed Florence Moulton as the teacher and Jeanette Paul as Master of Ceremonies. In 2008 Jeanette was the School Marm and Ray was Schoolmaster. Girls and boys were directed to line up on opposite sides and were very well behaved. The video showed students doing the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "My Country Tis of Thee". Jeanette told the students how classes were conducted in early times and Paul told them about the building.

Carolyn and Dick Bogh served the night's refreshments.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

