

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – April 1, 2013

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President Rosanne Adams called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 42 people present.

Secretary's Report – Helen Goransson read the secretary's report of March 4th. The report was approved as read with one error to correct that the meeting took place in 7 p.m. and not a.m.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Bogh read the Treasurer's Report as of March 4, 2013. The report is attached. The balance as of the last accounting in checking was \$3,864.53. The appraisal fundraiser took in \$815 and, after expenses, netted \$640. With debits of \$274.27 during the month, the balance as of April 1, 2013 was \$4,405.26. The balance in the savings account after applying \$1.66 for interest earned, was \$20,913.13. The report was approved.

There was nothing new to report from the Directors, Correspondence, Membership, Grants and Collections committees.

Building Committee – Zip Zamarchi reported that there was a meeting on March 26th and there will be another meeting on the 3rd Monday in April. They are working on various projects.

Publicity – Carolyn Bogh reported that the Sentinel coverage has not been as timely as hoped, but there was nice public recognition of the Eliot Historical Society at the Help Feed Your Neighbors fundraiser. She also reported that the No. 8 Schoolhouse event for second graders will be on May 8th. Jeanette Paul may not be able to make it, but if that happens Carolyn can step in and she is unsure yet about the schoolmaster. All are invited to the Eliot Elementary School on May 30th for a History of Eliot presentation. More information will follow.

Fund Raising – Carol Zamarchi reported that the Yard Sale is scheduled for June 8th with a rain date of June 15th. There will be an announcement at the next meeting as to where and when people may bring items. Carol also noted that the refreshments for the evening came from leftovers from the appraisal day event and she expressed her thanks to all who contributed food items. Carol also mentioned that on Thursday would be the Marshwood High School community service day, and students would be working at Frost Tufts Park and cemeteries.

Programs – Carol Zamarchi reported that we are still planning a meeting on June 3rd at the No. 8 Schoolhouse even though the Yard Sale will be in the works at that time.

Old Business – Rosanne Adams introduced Jeanette Paul and mentioned that Jeanette has brought back the album she received at the last meeting for those who wanted to see what the club had presented to her. Jeanette read a thank you poem that she wrote to express her appreciation to the members of the Historical Society.

Denny Lentz reported that there was a good representation by the members at the Help Feed Your Neighbors event. He also reported that the Carter Cemetery damages payment will cover the repair of the stone. The stone cannot be replaced.

New Business – Carol Zamarchi noted that a number of members attended the Tidal Mills talk in Kittery and it was wonderful.

Next month's refreshments will be provided by Fran and Sally Hartford.

Acknowledgements – Thanks to members who provided the leftovers from the appraisal event that served as the night's refreshments.

Evening's Program – The business meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m. and Keith Searles introduced the night's speaker, John Paul Oswald, who wrote the booklet "What You Need to Know" which was published in 1983. He also had available another paper, "Reality 101", which he wrote in 2008. In addition, in November 2012 he updated his findings based on recent developments.

For more than 47 years Oswald has studied extensively the data and research associated with UFO's and space aliens. He firmly believes that these do exist and have been present among us, particularly in this part of the country, mainly due to the existence of marshlands where they and their vehicles are not easily noticed. He concludes that since 1942 sightings of space aliens have increased, probably as a result of concern over mankind's nuclear capabilities. In 1957, there was lots of activity around the seacoast area due to the existence of the Pease Air Force base and Portsmouth Naval Yard. In particular there were reports in the Exeter area, but there have even been sightings in our own home town. He mentioned sightings, reports of abductions, and possibly humanoid aliens walking among us. Currently, however, he has noticed a cooling off period, with stagnant activity vs. the raging activities that took place during the Cold War periods and other potential war times. Oswald referred to the work of Raymond Fowler of Kennebunk who wrote 5 books scanning decades of research, Bud Hopkins who wrote about the Linda Quatrille case (a New York woman who reported that she was abducted by aliens in 1980), and Zecharia Sitchin's "Earth Chronicles" which traces back the existence of aliens at least 450,000 years and concluding they later influenced the Mesopotamians, the Sumerians and the Egyptians, among other civilizations.

Oswald went into more vivid detail about people's experiences and sightings and he drew biblical connections as well. His astounding conclusions left us speechless. If you are interested in further information, you will find this in his two publications mentioned earlier.

At around 8:30 p.m. the presentation ended and we enjoyed the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goransson