

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – April 2, 2012

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, Me.

Denny Lentz called the meeting to order with 33 in attendance. He welcomed guests attending the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Helen Sullivan read the minutes of the March meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Bogh read the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance is \$2,854.49 and the savings account balance is \$17,893.00 as of 4/2/12. Report was approved as read.

The Board of Directors had nothing new to report.

Correspondence secretary was absent.

Membership chairman, Sylvia Moynahan stated that we have 54 current members.

Program chairman, Carol Zamarchi, said all programs for this year are filled.

Collections chairman stated nothing to report at this time.

Building committee chairman, Paul Johnson, said a group will be working on the #8 Schoolhouse Saturday, April 7, doing painting. Said students needing community service hours would be welcome.

PR/Publicity Chair – Carolyn Bogh said May 16 will be when the Grade 2 students from Eliot Elementary School will be touring the schoolhouse. She welcomed any historical member to stop by at this time. Saturday, June 16 has been the date set for discussion of folks who attended one room schoolhouses. Morin Brickyard will be discussed with Lena Morin Bernard discussing her family's business.

Fund Raising Chair – Cynthia Sullivan said the antique appraisal was very successful raising \$990 and thanked everyone who worked on it. The house tour scheduled for May has been cancelled as there was not enough response from house owners. Discussion was held on a yard sale and a motion was made by Carol Zamarchi that we hold a yard sale on June 2 at the schoolhouse. It was seconded and approved with the stipulation that no clothes or electronics be accepted.

Education – Jeanette Paul stated there was nothing new.

Grants – Helen Goransson was absent.

Zip Zamarchi stated there was nothing new from the Building Planning Committee.

Old Business - MHS Community service day will be April 4th working on 2 cemeteries and the grounds of the Grange. If anyone has time to help with this project it would be appreciated. Roseanne stated that James Driver will be working on one of the cemeteries as an Eagle Scout project. There are also two more students who want to work on cemeteries for their Eagle Scout projects.

New Business – On April 10 the New Castle Historical Society will hold a program on the Portsmouth Naval Prison History – film documentation. Denny said anyone interested in attending meet at the Grange at 6:15 to carpool.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:40 and refreshments were served by Sylvia Moynahan and Cynthia Sullivan.

The program was presented by Ruth Drake on clothing and textiles from the 18th century. Ruth was dressed in period costume which she had made and also displayed many other pieces of clothing for both men and women from that period. She was very knowledgeable about fabrics and showed how she spun wool and flax to make many of her pieces of clothing. It was a very enjoyable evening by all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Sullivan, Secretary