

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for May 3, 2010
John F. Hill Grange Hall Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including guests. There were 33 people attendance.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the April meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson gave the treasurer's report for covering the last two months. There were debits for the electrical bill, Grange rental, annual report fee, BC sign & ball supplies, bereavement contributions, purchase of a microphone and recorder, program expense, donation to Great Works Regional Land Trust, PO Box annual fee and schoolhouse insurance payment. There were credits from dues, a donation from Carol Zamarchi, book and note card sales and signed copies of Jeanette Paul's poem leaving a checking account balance of \$579.00. The savings account showed a transfer to the checking account of \$1,200 and an interest deposit leaving a balance in the savings of \$11,276.84. Her report was approved.

Committee Chair Reports

Membership Janet Saurman reported that she acquired new members that evening bringing the paid members to 73 for the year.

Collections Julie reported that her committee had had a meeting to select items stored at the firehouse to use for our Bi-Centennial display.

Building Paul Johnson reported that the men might do some spruce up work on the schoolhouse while the yard sale is being held on May 15th. Paul has also talked with Margaret Morse to determine what work should be done on the Grange hall including power washing, painting the front of the building, and doing weed whacking. Paul said they would like to restore the small front room in the Grange hall where taxes were once collected. They would like to acquire an old picture showing how it was.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh said plans were firmed up for the students' visitation to the #8 schoolhouse. Jeanette will again be the schoolmistress conducting opening exercises and explaining the daily routine. Ray Faulkner would teach a lesson as schoolmaster. Paul will discuss the schools restoration and president. Denny will greet the children. Afterward the children will write a short essay and make dioramas to be displayed at a town meeting. Carolyn will submit an article for the newspaper.

Education Jeanette said she would again be at the school for the students' visits. It is her 4th year.

Old Business

Paul Johnson reported that after doing some research he was able to get a reduction on the #8 schoolhouse insurance from Hamm Agency. The new premium will be \$500 a year, a savings of \$500.

Carol said that the Marshwood students lead by Carol & Zip Zamarchi's son did a great job with the cemetery work. Ray, Zip and Paul Russo oversaw the work. Paul Rousseau also brought more people to work on the cemeteries this last Saturday.

New Business

Denny printed the March 23rd Director's meeting minutes for the society members to read. They discussed general needs of the society and decided as the organization grows they need to meet on occasion to review current practices and policies to ensure they are aligned with our direction and growth. That meeting mostly focused on "contributions requested of the Eliot Historical Society"

Denny also passed around a sheet so people could sign up to provide refreshments for next year's meetings.

Announcements

Julie reminded people of the Eliot Historical Society's bake & yard sale to be held at the #8 schoolhouse on May 15th from 8-1. Denny & Cindy are willing to pick up items for the sale. We would also have a chance to sell Bi-Centennial Ball tickets.

Carol said that she would have a table to sell EHS items and Bicentennial Tickets at the Counting House Park in S. Berwick May 20th 5-7 PM.

Denny thanked Jeanette Paul, Joan McKitrick & Fran Richardson for the night's refreshments.

The night's program was Bi-Centennial Planning. We received an update from the various committees.

1. Bi-Centennial Ball-Carol said that her committee hopes to sell 300 tickets for the Ball at \$20 each. Beautiful posters have been made for the ball to distribute through out the community.
2. Parade-Eric Christian received an offer of a hay wagon from Helen Goransson to be used for the Historical Society float for the Bi-Centennial parade. The float theme might be a reproduction of a one-room schoolhouse with desks and children.
3. Signs-Paul showed one of the signs to be placed around town. He said that the Town Hall sign is already up.
4. Eliot Poem-Jeanette has completed her Bi-Centennial poem.

Denny then adjourned the business meeting. Members were told about various committees for the Bi-Centennial. Members could sit-in on the topic of their choice so they could learn more or choose to work on that committee.

After the discussions the members were served refreshments by Jeanette Paul and Joan McKitrick.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary