

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for May 5th, 2008

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President Denny Lentz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were two new visitors.

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

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson read the Treasurer's report showing miscellaneous expenses including Post Office Box rental, Grange rental and Grange construction supplies; and with credits for sales of Eliot books, dues and contributions to the Florence Moulton Memorial fund. The General Fund checking account has a new balance of \$1,364.19. For #8 School House fund there was a debit of \$750.00 for insurance and a credit of \$671.95 from the yard sale giving a balance of \$1,053.61. The total in the Checking account is \$2,417.80 and there is a balance of \$8,864.25 in the savings account. Julie also reported that to this date there have been contributions of \$515.00 to the Moulton Memorial Fund.

Correspondence Report Denny read Peggy's report that she has sent a thank you note to Walter Hanson for giving the program for the April meeting. She sent 3 thank you notes for contributions to the Moulton Fund and gave an update to Florence's daughters. An additional thank you was to Tobey's Sheet Metal for their donation of building materials.

Membership Report Judith Hilt reported that she has a list of 91 possible members with only 35 paid. Carolyn suggested perhaps it would help to do some phoning. It was also suggested that they be told about the possibility of lifetime memberships.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Program Carol Zamarchi said that the June Program would be held June 2nd at 7:30 at the Sanford Grange when we will be guests of the Sanford Historical Society. She said that we should meet at our Grange hall at 6:15 to carpool to Sanford.

Collections Julie said that the committee had met that day to assemble artifacts about the Eliot Fire Dept. as a new display to be placed in the Kennebunk Savings Bank within the week.

Building Paul Johnson said that Zip & Denny have been working at the Grange Hall. They worked on doors, replaced a spigot and did major work in the downstairs to take out the buckle in the floor. They have plans to do more including wiring. The work the men have done cost the Grange \$189 and has saved them thousands.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh reported that several Eliot 2nd grade classes are scheduled to visit our #8 Schoolhouse on June 4th. Besides Jeanette Paul acting as teacher, Ray Faulkner will portray a head master and Paul will tell about the building. Other society members will be on hand to assist and interact with the students. Carolyn is working to publicize the event. Last years visit was videotaped. Denny hopes to show it to our membership.

Fund Raising Julie thanked all those who helped, donated and baked for the recent yard & bake sale. She announced that there was a profit of \$741.95. Julie also said they were happy that the high school basketball coach was able to take what we weren't able to sell and use in their teams yard sale. Denny also thanked all those who helped in any way.

Education Jeanette is looking forward to the students visit to our school.

Bi-Centennial Planning Zip Zamarchi said there was nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul reported that he is hoping to have the dedication of the #2 Meeting House plaque the week of May 19th. He needs to arrange it with the press and those who would like to be in attendance.

Carolyn said that she did the typing of Bainbridge Parson's family history. Bainbridge also has hand written reports he has done on local industry. Carolyn said that we would find it very interesting and these reports also should be typed.

NEW BUSINESS

Denny said thanks to Edward Hanson and his team for the great work done on the Hammond cemetery and Ray Faulkner for his work on the Maple Ave. Cemetery. He also thanked Zip, Ray, Paul & Julie who helped Denny work with Edward's team. Denny said a special thanks to Eliot Highway Dept. for picking cemetery debris and their offer to do future pickups as well.

Denny also thanked Helen & Paul Goransson for their generous donation of tickets for opening night at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre.

There are pictures of Laura Dane School from 1933 in the back of the room so those that could might be able to identify some of the people.

A motion was then made, seconded and passed to adjourn the business meeting.

Carol than introduced Judith Hilt who would then tell the history of eight generations of the Brooks family in Eliot. Judith in period costume gave a handout to members titled The Asa Brooks Family from England to Eliot. She then focused on eight generations of women in her family. She displayed pictures of all eight generations of these women with their signature and a piece of their handiwork. Judith talked of many properties around Eliot, owned by the Brooks families, some of which were granted from King Charles. Her family was part of the agricultural community. Judith's grandparents ran a dairy farm. Much of their social life revolved around the church. Judith's mom was born, raised and died in Eliot. Some of the women kept journals. In one 1877 entry the family took goods to sell to the Naval Yards. Another entry told of a wedding that cost \$97. There were entries dating back to 1919 of attending events held at the Grange Hall. Judith talked about the clothing, dolls, and family mementos she had on display and took questions from attendees.

Refreshments were served by Janet Gould.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING---Monday June 2nd, people are invited to meet at 6:15 at the Grange Hall to carpool to the Sanford Historical Society.

JUNE'S REFRESHMENTS—Carol Zamarchi

