

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting – May 7, 2012

John F. Hill Grange, Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called the meeting to order with 37 in attendance. He stated that a lot of “thank yous” would be said tonight to several people.

The secretary’s report was read by Helen Sullivan of the April meeting. It was approved by the members.

Richard Bogh read the treasurer’s report. The checking account balance is \$2,126.15 and the savings account balance is \$17,895.03. Report was approved as read.

The Director’s, Correspondence, Membership, Programs and Collections Committees have nothing new to report at this meeting.

Paul Johnson reported for the Building Committee that a work crew did some work on April 7 and were back on the 21st to prepare the school for the Grade 2 students from Eliot Elementary. Screens were painted, the gardens were cleaned up and the inside of the building was cleaned.

PR/Publicity Chm. Carolyn Bogh stated that she had received no response from the article placed in the community flyer asking for people who had attended one room schoolhouses. June 16 is the date for folks who attended a one room schoolhouse to meet and discuss their past school days. A suggestion was made that on that day there will be a history of a one room school and our annual town meeting combined and this should be publicized.

Fundraising Chm. Cyndi Sullivan said a pamphlet about the yard sale was being distributed. A list for baked goods to be sold that day was being circulated. Carolyn Bogh is looking into what organizations would take articles not sold. Judith Hilt said her church would take some items and also the Congregational Church will take some. Carolyn will investigate other organizations to see if they will take donations.

Helen and Paul Goransson have again donated 100 tickets to the Seacoast Rep. Theatre for their show scheduled for December 1. Our thanks go to Helen and Paul for this large donation to fundraising for the society.

Jeanette Paul, Education Chm. stated that she is ready for May 16 when the Grade 2 students from Eliot Elementary School visit the #8 Schoolhouse.

There was no news to report for grants.

Our thanks to Mike Zamarchi for making arrangements with MHS students for community work day April 4th.

It was reported that 10-12 society members attended the New Castle Historical Society on April 10th for the Portsmouth Naval Prison History. It was very interesting and very crowded so another showing will be held the end of May.

Denny asked members if there was an interest in participating in Eliot Festival Days September 29. It was voted to have a table at the Festival.

A discussion was held on the 68 hours of hunger program that is beginning in Eliot. This program, with volunteers, fills backpacks for elementary students who would not eat from Friday afternoon until Monday morning when they return to school. Cindy Lentz suggested members bring in items listed on a sheet from the committee and she will have a large box ready for donations. All were in agreement.

A flyer from the Eliot Conservation Committee describing the Johnson Farm in Kittery with land in Eliot was distributed.

Eric Christian described how donation button on line – JustGive.org worked. There is no fee for this and Eric stated that he has used this site and very easy to make donations. It was approved to join this and Eric will make arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 after which Carol Zamarchi introduced our guest speaker for the evening, David Pratt of D. Pratt Framer of Kittery. He talked about different types of glass for frames, backing of pictures and many different ways to frame any document, picture or fabric you may have. He also displayed antique maps and nautical charts. It was a very interesting and informative evening.

Refreshments were served by Janet Saurman and Carol Selsberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Sullivan
Secretary