

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for June 1, 2009
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Denny called the meeting and welcomed everyone including some guests. There were 32 in attendance.

Vice President Report Judith Hilt reported that she had hosted Karen & Darrell Sommers from CA who had contacted her looking for information on the Neal family in Eliot. She enjoyed meeting them and with some help from Eric Christian they found cemeteries with Neal burials and the foundation of a Neal home.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the May meeting, which were approved after minor changes made.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson gave the Treasurer's report showing credits for dues and debits including a Great Works Land Trust donation, a cemetery project expense, the Regatta room deposit, collection presentation supplies, Grange rental, cost for Hammond Garrison project, Grange project and Eliot Festival Days deposit giving a balance of \$944.28 in the general fund checking account. The #8 schoolhouse fund had debits for April electric bill and construction supplies leaving a balance of \$66.41. After an interest posting there was a balance of \$7,176.93 in the savings account.

Committee Chair Reports:

Program Carol Zamarchi said she had nothing new to report. The September program will be Eliot ladies with Tales of Eliot.

Collections Julie Johnson reported that they had placed a new display at Kennebunk Savings Bank with items from our collection including a wedding gown and period traveling trunk open with other collection items displayed.

Membership Judith said that she is still happy to take membership dues.

Building Paul Johnson reported that his group had a workday at the schoolhouse on May 9th. They were able to straighten up the flagpole. They also fixed a roof leak and damaged ceiling. Those who worked included Denny, Ray Faulkner, Jeff Cook, Janet Seurman and Julie Johnson, who also provided a home made soup lunch for the workers. They finished with a general spruce up of the school for the upcoming student visit.

Fund Raising Carol said that they had paid the deposit for the Regatta Room for the ball to be held at the Bi-Centennial.

Education Jeanette Paul said that she had a fun fun time when the students visited the #8 Schoolhouse. She said that there were 32 in the first group and 47 in the second one. Jeanette said the students were very well behaved as she told them about what it was like to attend a one-room school. Ray, dressed as School Head Master, told them about the history of the flag. Denny said that Paul did a great job of recording the visits on DVD. Denny thanked all the people who participated in any way to make this visitation such a success.

Old Business

Julie has paid for our table at the Eliot Festival Day.

Eric Christian reported that Peter Sablock would show up in the fall to do his presentation about what he found when looking for evidence of the existence of the Hammond Homestead near the current Boat Basin.

New Business

Denny asked our members if they were interested in participating in Celebrate Maine Days @ the Raitt Farm Aug. 8-9. After a short discussion it was decided not to participate this year.

Denny thanked Dorothy Hansen and the McDonoughs for the night's refreshments.

Denny also reminded everyone that the Historical Society's picnic would be held at the Boat Basin on Aug. 3rd at 5:30 P.M. He said it is an evening for socializing and spinning tales with friends.

The business meeting then adjourned.

Carol then introduced Jonathan Bradstreet, an Eliot artist and illustrator. Carol said that Jonathan grew up in Eliot and was a graduate of Marshwood High school.

Jonathan said that he is a 13th generation native of Eliot. He started drawing at age 4 and was encouraged by various teachers as he grew up. Jonathan graduated from Mass Art with a major in illustration and found his first job through a professor there. He had a large display of his works. He talked about all the different mediums he uses and that much of his work revolves around his interest in hot rods. Jonathan

talked about an interesting job he had sketching scenes for the movie, “In the Bedroom” with Sissy Spacek filmed in Rockland, ME. He has acquired a high-end printer and sells signed numbered prints. He especially likes doing portraits. Our members seemed impressed by his obvious talent and asked him questions. In the future Jonathan hopes to travel with his samples taking notes and taking pictures for a book he would like to write. He also might like to teach college or work with young children.

Refreshments were then served by Dorothy Hansen and Polly and Jack McDonough.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary