

# ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for June 7, 2010  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President, Denny Lentz called the business meeting to order with 32 people in attendance. Denny made several announcements. He said that we should be proud of our historical society and ourselves for all our accomplishments and for the growth in the organization. He also suggested that the members check out documents of interest on the table at the back of the room

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

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson read her report showing debits in the checking account for a donation to the students of Eliot Elementary School for working with a professional song writer to create a song for Eliot's Bi-Centennial, electric bill, Grange rental, for a cemetery project, #8 school house landscaping supplies and expenses for the ball supplies, sign supplies, and ball dance instructor for the Bi-Centennial. There were credits for dues, book sales, signed poems, yard sale, and ball ticket sales, ball sponsors and contributors for the Bi-Centennial bringing a balance of \$2,249.47 in the checking account. There was an interest posting to the savings account giving a balance of \$11,280.42 to the savings account.

## Committee Chair Reports

Membership Janet Saurman read a letter from a person in FL who was appreciative for help in her search for family history. She wanted to help the Historical Society with their Bi-Centennial celebration with a check for \$1,000. Denny will write her a thank you.

Program Carol Zamarchi reminded the members of the program for September. Our program will be a York county resident and who is a maker of violins.

Collections Julie Johnson said that she is looking for body forms to help for displaying garments from our collection. Julie received a book, "The King of the Golden River" for our collection from a Mary Carter. The book was inscribed to Helen Sullivan's mom. Jack Murphy has received an envelope of pictures taken in the early 1940s of Eliot including pictures of Rosemary Cottage. He will show them to Roseanne Junkins to identify and perhaps to use.

Building Paul Johnson reported that the men had worked several days at the Grange Hall. They power washed and then painted the front. They mowed, weed whacked and they planted and put up the flower boxes. He said that Carol and Julie cleaned up the inside of the school in preparation for the student visitors.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh said that the Sentinel published a great article with a picture about the new signs that were placed around town indicating the well-known corners in town. She is placing a picture and article about the student's visit to #8 Schoolhouse. She said that the Sentinel had been very good about publishing her articles she has submitted.

Fund Raising Carol had nothing new to report at the time. Julie Johnson reported that the EHS yard and bake sale made \$806 profit. She thanked those who helped and said it had been a fun experience. Julie said that left over items were donated to First Parish Church in York with Judith Hilt's help.

Education Jeanette Paul reported that the visit to the #8 School House by the students was an exciting event for her. She said that the children were very well behaved; they seemed quite interested and asked good questions.

#### Old Business

Denny asked that there be a discussion about a proposed Mission Statement for the Eliot Historical Society, which he had printed for all to see:

Eliot Historical Society, Eliot, Maine 03903

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Mission Statement (proposed)

The Eliot Historical Society (EHS) exists, to collect, preserve, present and study information of historical and genealogical importance relative to the people of the Town of Eliot, Maine. The society accomplishes this mission through:

1. The collection, storage and care of materials
2. The support for studies, publications and exhibits
3. The provision for educational opportunities
4. Presentation of public programs and lectures
5. Encouragement to share the history at related community activities
6. A structured organization that brings members together and fosters interest

There was a discussion. It was suggested that the words "study" and "present" be reversed. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the proposed Mission Statement be adopted with the one minor change.

## New Business

Denny asked if the Society would like to have a booth, as usual, at the Eliot Festival Day on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. After a short discussion it was agreed that we would continue having a booth. Denny will then fill in the application and send it in.

Roseanne Junkins said that she has updated all the cemeteries on her map so Denny could update his.

## Announcements

Carolyn said that everyone is invited to the Eliot Elementary School on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 to view the students projects and at 6:00 to listen to the children sing songs related to Eliot History. They would also be singing the new song that they created for the Bi-Centennial that the EHS had supported.

Denny reminded everyone about the Annual Picnic to be held at the Boat Basin on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> rain or shine. Denny will reserve the space and will have the fire ready for cooking. It was decided to each bring a dish to share.

Denny thanked Cindy and Helen Sullivan and Helen Goransson for the night's refreshments.

The business meeting was then adjourned and Denny asked that members to break up into groups to work on numerous committees for the upcoming Bi-Centennial.

### The Bi-Centennial Planning:

1. Bicentennial Ball – **Carol Zamarchi**, Helen Sullivan, Helen Goransson, Carolyn Bogh, Cindy Lentz, Sally Hartford and Polly McDonough
2. Parade/float – **Eric Christian**, Denny Lentz and Jack McDonough
3. Signs – **Paul Johnson**, Fran Hartford, Polly and Jack McDonough, Denny Lentz, Jeff and Jack.
4. Eliot Poem – **Jeanette Paul** Complete-Great Job
5. Eliot History – **Rosanne Junkins**
6. #8 School House – **Julie Johnson**, Carolyn & Dick Bogh, Denny Lentz and Janet Saurman

Refreshments were then served by Cindi and Helen Sullivan and Helen Goransson.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

