

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for Dec.7, 2009
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called our business meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 37 people in attendance. Denny looked back at a good year. He was glad that Judith was able and in attendance. He took a moment to thank the other officers and committee chairmen individually for their job well done and those who worked in our booth at different venues and on various committees.

Treasurer's Annual Report Julie showed no debits in our savings account and a credit from the Town of Eliot and interest giving a new balance of \$10,460.07. The #8 Schoolhouse Fund showed debits for landscaping, repairs, utilities and insurance. There were credits for some sales and a donation from Kennebunk Savings Bank giving a new balance of \$100.82. The general fund had debits for hall rental, supplies, operational fees, Society contributions, Historical studies, program expenses, and Bicentennial expenses. There were credits for sales, dues and Grange reimbursement bringing the balance in the general fund to \$428.91. The current balance in the certificate of deposit is \$10,457.25.

Denny asked the nominating committee, Julie Johnson, Helen Sullivan and Bobbie Atkinson to come forward. They read their proposed slate of officers for 2010 as follows: Denny Lentz for President, Judith Hilt for Vice President, Dorothy Hansen for Secretary, and Julie Johnson for Treasurer. There were no opposing nominations so the slate of officers was elected as read. The committee suggested Cindi Lentz, Jack McDonough and Paul Rousseau for Directors. They were also elected by the members. Denny said that he hopes we can find some new people to serve in future elections.

Jeff Koch, Roseanne Junkins and Helen Goransson agreed to serve on next years nominating committee. Cindi Sullivan, this year's auditor agreed to serve next year also at Denny's request.

Roseanne stepped forward as a director to discuss dissolving of the #8 Schoolhouse Trust. She explained that a group, the Friends of #8 School House had set up a Revocable Trust filed in the town of Alfred. The purpose was to oversee the restoration and handle the funds for the #8 schoolhouse. She suggested that since the Historical Society as a whole has worked to help restore and maintain the schoolhouse, that there was no longer a need for a separate advisory board and directors for that purpose. After a discussion Zip Zamarchi made a motion to

dissolve the #8 Schoolhouse Revocable Trust, Paul Russo seconded it and the group unanimously voted in favor of dissolving the trust.

Denny commented on the Society's visit to opening night at Seacoast Repertory Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol". He said it had been such a great experience for those who attended. He again thanked the Goransson's for their generosity in donating the tickets to the Historical Society.

Denny thanked those who recently worked at the Marshwood High School Bazaar. Julie said that they made \$140, had fun and Janet Saurman acquired 9 new members.

Ray Faulkner said that Mr. Shapleigh had installed new posts at the Maple Ave. Cemetery.

Denny thanked Zip and Ray Faulkner for the night's refreshments.

He then ended the business meeting and introduced Carol Zamarchi for the night's program. Carol asked those who brought historical items for "the show and tell" to come forward and tell us about their items.

Janet Saurman came forward with an album and map to show how she had put together her family's genealogy after a visit to Glasgow, Scotland.

Judith Hilt showed a photo of her Great Great Great Grandmother, Maud. She also had Maud's 1888 wedding announcement and Maud's engraved wedding ring.

Jack McDonough showed us a watercolor painting of Fort McClary he acquired from his grandmother.

Polly McDonough brought a basket of antique toys including several dolls and a book of children's verses.

Julie Johnson had a newspaper article about her grandmother's button collection. She showed us buttons from an Eliot trolley conductor's uniform.

Dick Bogh brought an old bell that his mother had used to call the children in for supper in Portland, ME.

Helen Goransson showed us documents that she had found from 1701 and 1752. She had old maps showing boundaries to her property and documents called 'true copies.

Jeff Koch came forward with a picture and talked about his grandfather who was a WWI veteran from Pennsylvania.

Jeanette Paul showed us a Valentine that her Grandfather gave her Grandmother in 1897 and her Grandmother Wood's dress worn when she came from England in 1889.

Carolyn Bogh presented a 'survey about war' document from 1939.

Joan McKitrick showed us her Grandfather's tiny New Testament of the Bible from 1866.

Bobby Atkinson had us guess and then told us her item was a blackberry picking bucket from the late 1800's.

Eric Christian showed us a Portsmouth Herald from 1941 showing the coverage of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He talked about how our country was forever changed from that day forward.

Helen Sullivan showed us a loving cup engraved with '1912 Old Eliot Week'.

Eleanor Amee showed us pictures of Sarah Paul, her great grandmother and a beaded bag made by Sarah.

Carol Zamarchi showed us a collection of Gurley Candles in all various shapes from the 1940's.

Zip Zamarchi showed us maps for bicycling with advertisements, pictures and maps from the 1890's.

We then continued to enjoy Christmas decorations by Cindy Lentz and refreshments provided by Zip and Ray.

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy Hansen, Secretary