

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – November 5, 2013

John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President Rosanne Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 28 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report - Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the October meeting in the absence of Secretary Helen Goransson. After some small corrections the minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Bogh read the Treasurer's Report. Balance in the checking account is \$4,092.91 with monies being paid out for a gift card for Rosanne & Bob Fisher, CMP, Grange Hall rental, and Tobey facility rental and miscellaneous deposits including Eliot Festival Day booth sales. The savings account has a balance of \$20,925.51. The report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Membership Committee – Sylvia Moynihan said that she will be collecting dues in January for the calendar year of 2014.

Program Committee – Carol Zamarchi said that she is putting together a list of programs for 2014. She is always interested if anyone has any suggestions.

Building Committee – Rosanne said that she has access to a ceiling fan and wondered if the men would think it could be helpful for the center of the room in the Grange Hall. Bob Fisher said he would install it free of charge. Dennis Lentz said he would speak to Doris Grover about that possibility.

Fund Raising – Cindy Lentz said we would again have a booth at the Marshwood Holiday Bazaar December 7th from 9 – 3. Her committee will have a craft work day at Tobey's. They would be wrapping red holly on long stems at Carol Zamarchi's Dec. 3rd at 11:00 am. She is looking for more holly. Cindy said the holly sells very well. They will be decorating the booth with items from our collection to get people's attention. They would like any new fund raising ideas. Everyone is invited to a holiday luncheon coming up on Dec. 13th at 1 pm. Cindy also said a big thank you to the Goranssons for their donation of 50 Seacoast Repertory Theatre passes. They can be purchased from Carolyn Bogh for \$20 each or 2 for \$30. The purchaser

then can go to any SRT production through 2014 by simply calling the box office and ordering the tickets they prefer. (These are very good prices.) They would make great Christmas gifts.

Education – Jeanette Paul read the inscription from Francis Richardson's family which is on the new bench given to EHS. That bench has been placed on the right of the front door to the #8 Schoolhouse. Jeanette suggested that we have a formal dedication of this bench in Francis' memory in May 2014 and we would publicize it. The members seemed very much in favor of it. Jeanette and Julie Johnson offered to be on a committee to arrange the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeanette reported that she was able to help the gentleman that had been searching for information on the Spinney family. Jeanette was able to give him information about his great grandmother and gave him genealogy of the Spinney family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosanne said that we had received a letter of resignation from Paul Rousseau. She would send a card from the Historical Society to thank him for his service.

Carolyn Bogh suggested that people come to the library Wed., Nov. 6th at 7 pm for a Veterans Round Table sponsored by the Historical Society. There would be veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Kuwait. She plans to make a video of the discussion.

Cindy Lentz said that John Sullivan has been hospitalized at York Hospital for 2 weeks and is in rehab now. She suggested that people might want to send him a card.

Rosanne asked Walter Hanson to come forward to share with the group his latest project. Walter said he was asked in 2005 by a good friend, a veteran of the Vietnam War to set up a simulated Navy Hospital. Now in 2013 he has developed a field hospital which is like walking into a full emergency room and he has a collection of military hospital equipment. He has been in contact with the Navy. They have an on-line magazine called the Navy Grog and they have written an article about Walter's Vietnam hospital simulation which has been viewed throughout the Navy. He has plans to conduct re-enactments in a living history display. He will be wearing olive green from that time period portraying a Navy unit. His son, Edward, will portray a Marine MP. Walter had pictures to show the group.

Rosanne also said that the Eliot Library has some great new book displays with Eliot and Maine authors that people might find interesting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosanne reminded us that the Historical Society will have its annual election at the December meeting. The term of each office is one year with a maximum of 6 years. Toni Searles has volunteered to be Treasurer and Carolyn and Richard Bogh offered to be directors. The

nomination committee includes Helen Goransson, Jack McDonough and Carol Zamarchi. They need to find a nomination committee for 2014 also, as they serve for only one year.

Carol Zamarchi reminded everyone in lieu of a program for the December meeting she would like to ask members to bring an historic item for our show and tell.

Rosanne thanked Toni and Keith Searles and Jeanette Paul for the night's refreshments.

Rosanne then adjourned the meeting and turned to Carol Zamarchi to introduce the evening's program.

PROGRAM

Carol said that Susan Reid received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Music with opera training from an advanced college of music. She has extensive performance and recording experience in her career, performing everything from classic to country music. Susan Reid works with elderly folks and incorporates her music into their programs. Susan was a delightful singer. She told us the history of how Broadway musicals had evolved from operas and musical comedy, and some of the Broadway musicals went on to be movies. She shared with us interesting information about composers, dancers and singers. Susan sang many familiar songs from award winning musicals through the years like "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and many more.

Susan is a one-woman show. Her focus is on the elderly and musical therapy. She takes her program to long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities and senior centers. She is amazed that patients with Alzheimer's often know all the words as she sings to them and others can actually do harmony with her. She feels she gives them back some self-esteem. Susan seems to enjoy her musical therapy and we were very entertained.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hansen

Substitute Recording Secretary