

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting – December 2, 2013. John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President Rosanne Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 35 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Helen Goransson read the minutes of the November meeting that were prepared by Dorothy Hanson in her absence. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of the treasurer, Julie Johnson read the Treasurer's Report as prepared by Richard Bogh. As of December 2nd, the balance in the checking account is \$4,800.12 with monies being paid out to CMP and the Grange rental, and deposits of \$20 from the sale of Eliot books and \$750 from the sale of the Seacoast Repertory Theatre tickets. The savings account has a balance of \$20,927. 17 after applying bank interest of \$1.66. The report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Correspondence Committee – Rosanne said that a note had been received from the Grange organization and Denny Lentz read it. In it, the members thanked the workers who have kept the Grange in fine condition. This small group of members would not be able to do these tasks and they were grateful for such niceties as the window boxes, the grass cutting, and especially for the flag flying in front of the building. The letter came from Janice M. Bowden, Secretary.

In other correspondence, Rosanne asked Helen Sullivan how John Sullivan was doing, and she reported that he is now at Lawrence General Hospital and he appreciates the messages that have been sent to him. Hopefully he will be in a rehabilitation facility again soon, but Helen said that right now he is not well. We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Membership Committee – Sylvia Moynahan announced that with the start of the calendar year the next year's dues can be paid. The cost is \$5/year for annual memberships, but she reminded us that lifetime members are all set, so she encouraged folks to become lifetime members.

Program Committee, Building Committee, Education, Collections – Nothing new to report.

Fund Raising – Cindy Lentz reported that the SRT tickets have all been sold. She reminded us of the crafts fair at Marshwood High School on Saturday, December 7th and on that day we could use as much support as possible. In preparation for that, on December 3rd we will be wrapping bunches of holly and berries and we do need more holly. Margie Brown announced

that she has brought in a box of Life magazines and is selling them for \$1.00 apiece and will donate all the proceeds to the EHS. Cindy added that the 68 Hours Without Hunger program is growing, with more children needing food. She reminded the group that we are responsible for donating peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers, but any donations are welcome. The project leader in Eliot shops every other day to keep the supplies available for the 30 children now accessing this. Lastly, she reminded us that everyone is invited to a holiday luncheon coming up on Dec. 13th at 1 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosanne announced that the Great Works Regional Land Trust is looking for us to join again this year. We have been giving \$100. It was moved, seconded and approved to join again.

Julie Johnson received a call from Margaret Morse of the Grange Association requesting that the members of the EHS provide the dinner for the statewide Grange members here in Eliot on the night of January 9th at 6:30 p.m. In return for this service the EHS would not have to pay rent for use of the Grange for three months. Cindy Lentz volunteered to organize this. She plans to use the same menu as last year, which was very well received. Robert Fisher offered to make a \$100 contribution towards that supper. Contact Cindy if you would like to help.

Carol Zamarchi announced that her daughter was in attendance at the meeting, visiting from Houston. There were other visitors from New York and someone whose family has been a part of this region since pre-Revolutionary War times.

Jack McDonough proposed increasing the \$5/year annual membership fee to \$10/year while keeping the \$50 life individual membership and \$75 family membership. This might encourage more people to take on lifetime memberships, but is also more in line with what other historical societies are charging. Robert Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jack McDonough spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee, which consisted of himself, Helen Goransson and Carol Zamarchi. They did not meet, but communicated via email to prepare the slate of officers and directors to present for election. The slate is as follows:

President	Rosanne Adams
Vice President	Paul Johnson
Secretary	Helen Goransson
Treasurer	Toni Searles
Directors	Carolyn Bogh, Eric Christian, Richard Bogh
Nominating Committee	Carol Zamarchi, Robert Fisher, Margie Brown

Robert Fisher moved that the slate be accepted for vote. Toni Searles seconded. Rosanne made sure that there were no additional nominees who wished to serve. The vote was taken and the slate was approved as presented.

Rosanne thanked the Zamarchi's for the night's refreshments. The next meeting will be January 6, 2014.

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

PROGRAM

Carol Zamarchi invited those who wished to share items to do so in the annual show and tell. This year's offerings included an old Jingle Bells Golden Book; a 1902 Sears Catalog and a book from 1896 entitled "World of Wheels" which contained colored prints; a Dartmouth College dance card from 1887 and Ralph S. Bartlett's college expenses journal from the years he attended Dartmouth; an antique samovar – beverage server; an antique wooden pencil sharpener; some personally meaningful antique Hummels of a chimney sweep, a violin player, a schoolgirl, and a crafter; a large straw coal basket; a maritime log book from a Rye Beach property that was once the site of a golf lodge, with notes dating back to 1849; a tree-top Christmas angel purchased with an entire week's pay (\$2.37) in 1937 from Woolworth's; a topsy-turvy bi-racial doll that was popular in the 1930's; and a copy of Thoreau's book The Maine Woods. Following the show and tell, Susan Reid accompanied us on piano while we sang Christmas carols, and we concluded with a rousing rendition of her parody, "The 12 Days AFTER Christmas" performed by members of the EHS.

The refreshments, as usual, were delicious and festive.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goransson - Secretary