

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the meeting – September 9, 2015

President Rosanne presided over the meeting which started at the Grange Hall and migrated to the home of Carol and Zip Zamarchi later.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read with one correction.

Treasurer's Report – The report for the period June 1-August 31, 2015 was read and approved. To summarize, as of period end, there was \$23,776.55 in savings, \$9,913.62 in checking, and \$10,820.60 in the certificate of deposit (see attached). Credits included proceeds from the yard sale of \$1,327.45, a refund from Dana Tobey of \$300, and membership and interest payments. Expenses included monthly payments to Eliot Rent-A-Space of \$155/month, the monthly electric bills, and some reimbursements for supplies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations Committee – Carolyn Bogh reported that Chuck Bradbury is putting together a book about Eliot for newcomers and it will include information about the Eliot Historical Society.

Programs Committee – Next month's program will be a report on the Remick cemetery work that Rosanne and others will present.

Education Committee – Jan Cerabona would like to see the historical tour of Eliot resurrected, and since it is during the second grade that students study Eliot's history, she has begun preliminary legwork to hopefully provide updated coloring books which the William Fogg Library has agreed to reproduce from one that has been used in the past, and to eventually apply for funding from the Marshwood Educational Foundation to help defray the costs of this initiative. She would also like to see stops added on such a tour at places like the Raitt Farm and Dr. Gilbert's historic home, and perhaps even the Zamarchi home to see the bicycles. This is still in the planning stages.

Collections – Rosanne reported that we have received the donation of a painting of the Nightingale from a home owner on State Road. It is all rolled up but is a long painting that can be mounted and framed and is beautiful.

Fundraising – We were all reminded to staff and support the EHS table at Eliot Festival Day on September 26th. We will have on sale the remarkable baked goods provided by our fabulous cooks, our selection of books, and Carolyn Bogh will be donating an item that can be raffled off. Other items were also welcome. Cindy Lentz was spearheading this effort. Membership paperwork will also be at the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Johnson has contacted Acadia Books about getting more of their “Eliot” town books to replenish our supply. She was able to negotiate a 50% discount and requested ordering 50 books which would cost us \$500 plus shipping. This was voted on and accepted by the members.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and we then proceeded to the Zamarchi’s house for the program and delicious assortment of refreshments which were provided by the Browns.

Program

We were treated to a guided tour of the impressive bicycle collection and home museum presented by an enthusiastic Zip Zamarchi and his wife Carol. What started out as Zip taking on the bicycle business of Carol’s uncle when he was a young lad has become an extensive assortment of bicycles and cycling memorabilia dating back to the 1800s. Zip and Carol have taken part in bike tours and exhibits on antique bicycles all around the world and shared his collection of bicycles at numerous events all around the region and around the world. No local parade is complete without someone riding one of Zamarchi’s antique bikes. They shared stories of their experiences and described each bike and accessory that was on display when asked. Although he described how the bicycles worked, it was too dark out (and maybe there was no one in the group spry enough) to actually try riding one of them. It was truly amazing to see how sophisticated and clever bicycle makers were when it came to adding such accessories as fuel-powered lights, built-in locks, special seats, innovative wheels and frames, and other variations to the original invention of the bicycle.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Goransson, Secretary