

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the Meeting – October 2, 2017

President Paul Johnson called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Pam Ashley reported for the month of September, 2017. The report was approved as read. The balances as of end-month were: Savings Account - \$29,362.24 and Certificate of Deposit - \$10,911.44, for a Building Fund total of \$40,273.68. Checking Account balance was \$7,562.14. Expenditures were for rent, office supplies and an eBay purchase. Income came from bank interest of \$6.17.

Correspondence – Helen Sullivan reported that a get well card was sent to the Searles.

Programs – Carolyn Bogh reminded us that In November the Hanson family, who are history reenactors, will recreate a Vietnam era hospital unit.

Building Committee - Paul Johnson solicited the help of members to mow the grass the following Thursday.

Education - Jan Cerabona reported that the second graders have met to gather new ideas for their next activities.

Fundraisers – Sylvia Moynahan reported that we earned \$174.35 at Eliot Festival Day and she thanked the bakers. Paul Johnson also thanked those who manned the booth, including Carol Zamarchi, Julie Johnson, Helen Sullivan and Sylvia Moynahan.

Old Business – Following up on the story of enslaved people presented at last month's meeting about the book written by Patricia Wall, Carolyn Bogh mentioned that there is a new book in the library about Martha Washington's personal enslaved servant who escaped to Portsmouth. It is entitled "Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of the Runaway Slave, Ona Judge."

Zip Zamarchi reported on the historical plaques project. He is working on enlarging photos he has as well as refining the text and will send these in for a cost estimate. The committee consists of Zip, Jack McDonough, Denny Lentz and Ernie Bruneau.

New Business – Zip Zamarchi has some display cabinets available if we could use them. Paul and Julie Johnson will look at them.

We thanked Rosanne and Robert Fisher for the evening's refreshments. Next month's refreshments will be compliments of Jack and Polly McDonough.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Program

Paul Goransson provided an interesting presentation about farming in Eliot and especially at the historical Bartlett farm which he and his wife purchased in 1985. They have spent the years since then bringing it back to life as a working farm. They make hay, raise beef animals, grow turkeys, pigs and poultry products, and are active in conserving farms and open land in our area. This has been Paul's life work, especially since retiring from a career in the high tech field and he finds it most rewarding.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Goransson, Secretary