

## **ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the meeting – November 7, 2016**

President Rosanne Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed newcomers and thanked Cindy and Denny Lentz for the refreshments. There were 31 people present.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – The report for the month of October was approved. The balances as of end-October were \$8,094.69 in checking and \$40,206.95 in the Building Fund accounts (report attached). Income came from dues and donations and bank interest. Expenditures included rent and electricity. In addition, Paul Johnson reported that he has submitted our annual request to the town for funding.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Correspondence** – We received a thank you from the Portsmouth Historical Society for our \$200 donation to sponsor the publication about slavery. Helen Sullivan sent a letter to Green Acre commending them on the relocation of the trolley line depot and a get well note to Keith Searles.

**Membership** – Sylvia Moynahan reported that we have a new lifetime member.

**Programs** - The December meeting will be the annual show and tell and holiday party.

**Nominating Committee** – Anyone wishing to serve should speak with one of the members of the Nominating Committee. All positions are open for those who wish to serve. The committee will have a slate of officers for our vote in December.

**Building** – Paul Johnson reported that the storage area is so humid that it filled the dehumidifier too quickly and tended to overflow. So we have added a tube leading to the sink. It is gravity fed and drains well and works much better.

**Fundraising** – We will be selling raffle tickets for various items as well as the crocheted bedspread/tablecloth and will be selling books at the polls on Election Day. We will also be at the Marshwood Holiday Fair selling raffle tickets and items and baked goods so members are urged to contribute to the bake sale that day. The last day of selling raffle tickets will be at the December meeting and the raffle drawings will take place at

that meeting. If you have ideas for fundraising, please let the committee members know. New members are always welcome to this committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Paul Johnson reported that our budget request to the town demonstrates that we do fundraise. We requested the same amount as last year. However, we now understand that the community donations from the Kennebunk Savings Bank has been restructured so we will not be receiving funds from them as we have before, so fundraising is more important than ever.

## **BY LAWS**

We spent some time reviewing the by-laws and considering additional suggestions from members. Barbara Hanson made the motion to accept the new by-laws as presented. This was seconded by Carolyn Bogh. The by-laws were unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The annual holiday luncheon will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stage Neck Inn in York. We will meet at 12:30 at the Grange for those who wish to carpool. A sign-up was requested so we can reserve the tables at the restaurant. All are welcome to come.

President Rosanne announced that James Gurney, aka "Hank", has a cemetery known as the Mary Lizzie Spinney Cemetery at the bottom of Bolt Hill Road in which about 20 people from the Knight and Spinney families, including a veteran, are buried. It needs work on the stones and fences. Mary Lizzie Spinney had specified in her will that she wanted the town to dig up the stones and replace them with one big one. The town couldn't do that because of the laws concerning cemeteries. Rosanne suggests this might be a good project for next year.

We need to decide on whether we wish to pay speakers, and, if so, what the budget should be. This will be taken up at a future meeting.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

## **PROGRAM**

In honor of the presidential elections, Carolyn Bogh organized the group into teams who answered questions about our United States presidents. Congratulations to the guys and one gal in the corner of the room who won. Even if you weren't on the winning team, the activity was fun and very informative and we will all be able to impress people with our new knowledge of presidents at the next opportunity we have.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Goransson, Secretary