

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the meeting – December 5, 2016

President Rosanne Fisher welcomed the 32 people who attended this meeting and thanked Sylvia Moynahan and Carol Zamarchi for the evening's refreshments.

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

Treasurer's Report – Antoinette Searles gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2016 and for the annual report period December 1, 2015-November 30, 2016. These reports were approved as presented. The balances were \$8,188.00 in checking and \$40,213.05 in the Building Fund accounts (reports attached). Annual income of \$5,334.67 came from dues, book sales, donations, fundraising, the Town of Eliot and bank interest. Expenditures of \$6,119.13 were for supplies, rental, donations, gifts, utilities, insurance, and fundraising expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee – Bobbi Beavers, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers and the committee provided the opportunity for others to be placed on the ballot. Since there were no others who came forward, Bobbi moved that one ballot be cast for the entire slate. This was seconded by Zip Zamarchi. Although our by-laws call for a written ballot, added to the motion was that this be a voice vote instead. The motion passed. The election yielded the following new officers:

President – Paul Johnson

Vice President – Dennis Lentz

Secretary – Helen Goransson

Treasurer – Pam Ashley

Board Member – Polly McDonough (replacing Carolyn Bogh whose term expired)

There are two other board members whose terms have not yet ended.

Next year, Eric Christian will come off the board and the following year Richard Bogh's term on the board expires.

Rosanne Fisher, Toni Searles and Carolyn Bogh received our thanks for their fine work these past years. We also thanked Bobbi Beavers, Sylvia Moynahan and Carol Zamarchi for their work on the Nominating Committee.

Correspondence – We heard that Jeanette Paul was thrilled to see the depot back at Green Acre.

Membership – Sylvia Moynahan reported that those with annual memberships should pay their dues in January.

Fundraising – Cindy Lentz reported that we raised \$193.50 at the Marshwood High School Holiday Fair and there were so many goodies to sell that there were plenty of leftovers to be purchased or shared at the meeting. We also had our drawing for the various raffle items. Lastly, she gave details of the annual holiday luncheon for anyone interested in joining fellow members. She reiterated that new ideas for fundraising and new members are always appreciated.

Programs - We voted to have the January meeting on the second Monday instead of the first, since that day was the New Year's holiday.

Collections – Cindy Lentz also reported that Lydia Goodwin of the William Fogg Library is hoping to see more cooperation between our two organizations. In the course of cleaning out their attic they found historical items that were left there. Julie Johnson will be working with the library on this exciting prospect.

Education – Jan Cerabona reported that the Stories of Eliot MEF Grant submitted by Ann Shisler and colleagues was approved for funding, so the work begins to have second graders in Eliot gather stories. There is a planning meeting scheduled in January. They will be gathering the names of people in town who are knowledgeable about the history of Eliot. The major work will be completed between April and June.

OLD BUSINESS

Rosanne Fisher has agreed to continue to produce the monthly newsletter that we all enjoy.

Several events of historical significance in our region were announced for the month of December for those interested in attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosanne announced that a new book is available through Acadia Publishing about the history of Kittery, from the first settlers to the shipbuilding era to the military importance of the town.

Carolyn Bogh hopes to see a program in the future by the military field hospitals re-enactors.

Rosanne mentioned that the Eliot Grange will be meeting at the end of January and for anyone who wishes to join that organization, applications are welcome.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

PROGRAM

We had our traditional show and tell and many interesting items were shared, including a musical decanter, a special piece of wood from Denmark, paintings by a member's grandmother, antique crocheted pieces, a parasol, a bosom bottle, and a song by King George from the Hamilton soundtrack, among others.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Goransson, Secretary