

## **ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the Meeting – December 4, 2017**

President Paul Johnson called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He announced that this meeting we were raffling more of Doris Grover's fudge and we were drawing the other raffle items' winning tickets that evening.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted with one correction.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pam Ashley provided the end-of-month and year-end financial reports which were approved as read. As of year-end, the final balances were \$29,367.22 in savings and \$10,918.74 in the CD for a total of \$40,285.96 in the building fund. The checking account balance was \$7,086.57. Income for the year totaled \$3,004.32 while expenses came to \$4,032.84. Expenses include rent and storage, operational funds and supplies, property insurance, fundraising expenses, utilities and gifts and donations to others. Sources of income include fundraising, dues, books sales and royalties memorial donations, gifts and the fudge raffles.

**Correspondence** – Helen Sullivan reported that she sent a thank you note to Doris Grover and a sympathy card to a member who lost a loved one.

**Programs** – Carolyn Bogh announced that the January meeting will be a presentation of the York River Study committee by Jen Hunter and others. The program will start at 7 p.m. and the business meeting will follow. In February, the speaker will be Dom Metreaud and in March we will hear from Eric Christian about the Piscataqua Basin. Walter Hanson mentioned that in November he met Ann Doherty, the first Navy nurse to receive the Purple Heart. Keith Searles met someone who speaks about the native Americans who lived in our region and New Hampshire. Both would make interesting speakers.

**Building Committee** - Paul Johnson said that the schoolhouse has a nice wreath on it. The collections room downstairs in the Grange now has a small Rinai heating unit. There were temporary ones in the meeting room for this meeting. Soon the Grange will have a real boiler and will be using the existing radiators for heat. The window boxes were decorated by Carol and Zip Zamarchi.

**Publicity** – Carolyn Bogh felt we need to better publicize our purpose and history. She suggested that Rosanne work on that using her excellent writing skills.

**Fundraisers** – Cindy Lentz reported that the raffles fundraiser was very profitable and we raised about \$180 at the Christmas fair at Marshwood High School. The annual holiday luncheon was to take place the following Friday. The pasta dinner fundraiser is scheduled for March, so planning will begin soon for that one.

**Nominations Committee** - Bobbi Beavers presented the slate of officers. All current officers agreed to remain in their current positions and Cathy Rooney was nominated to replace outgoing director Eric Christian. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The vote was unanimous to elect them. The current Nominations Committee members, Bobbi, Carol Zamarchi and Sylvia Moynahan, agreed to serve in that capacity in 2018 as well, and Paul Johnson noted that others are welcome to join that committee.

**Old Business** – A sign-up sheet for next year’s refreshments assignments still had some empty slots so was passed around again. Next month’s refreshments will be provided by Julie and Paul Johnson.

We thanked Ernie Bruneau and Zip Zamarchi for finishing the restoration of the display cases we received.

**New Business** – Our submission to the Budget Committee will be completed and submitted the Wednesday after this meeting. We will be requesting approximately \$3000.

Jan Cerabona noted that after reading the Staples memoir, “Mostly My Maine”, which was the subject of one of our 2017 meetings, she would very much like to learn exactly where these places are around town so she could see them today. Others agreed.

The raffle tickets were drawn for the fudge, the Eliot artwork and the hooked rug. Winners who were not present will be notified and those who were present were delighted.

We thanked Sylvia Moynahan and Carol Zamarchi for the refreshments and the festive holiday decorations that set the mood for the evening.

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

**Program**

For our traditional annual show and tell, members shared with us the fascinating items they brought in and spoke about their personal connections with them. Items included a painting from the mid- to late-1800's, a quilt made by women from Maine who presented it to a Civil War doctor upon his return, a pitcher for a left-handed person, a rolling pin used by a 102-year-old woman all her life, an 80-year-old marriage certificate, a Civil War certificate pertaining to the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire soldiers who saw a lot of action during that war, an antique surgical set, old photos, a gold beaded choker and a special holder for rolled-up documents, handcuffs and leg shackles dating back to the early 1800's, a pass to a Philadelphia bicycle exhibition that took place in the 1800's along with biking medals and a bike tool from that time period, and a lover's knot broach made in 1849 from the two lovers' hair braided together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Goransson, Secretary