

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the Meeting – June 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted with two corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Pam Ashley prepared the financial report as of May 31, 2018 and in her absence it was read by President Paul and then approved. As of end-month the Building Fund total was \$40,322.28 and the checking account balance was \$13,823.88. Income of \$177 during the month but not yet deposited came from donations, membership, the fudge raffle and book sales. Expenses were for rent, electricity, bark mulch and flags.

Membership - Sylvia Moynahan announced that the membership list is complete and has been given to President Paul. In the interest of privacy, if anyone wants contact information for any of our members, contact him and he will provide it to you.

Programs – Carolyn Bogh was absent due to knee surgery. President Paul announced that there is no July meeting and provided details about the annual August cook-out at Dead Duck Inn. Some second graders and their families will be joining us and providing a little program about their historical experiences this year.

Correspondence – We will send a get-well card to Carolyn Bogh.

Education - Jan Cerabona reported on the very successful schoolhouse open-houses she has organized. During the last weekend of each month she has covered this activity and many people have come. We are grateful for Jan's willingness to monitor the summertime open houses at the Schoolhouse, too, and we are now planning to open it up for visitors during Eliot Festival Day. She will make sure it is included in the program for that day. Thanks to these visits, people have asked to join the EHS, one person offered some books, another person was willing to share the packet that was kept for her as a student, another visitor offered to demonstrate wool rolling and spooling, and another mentioned giving pony rides in a carriage on Eliot Festival Day. Jan welcomes suggestions for kids' activities for that day. Jan mentioned that the Schools of Eliot booklet needs to be updated and we could use more supplies and toys at the school. Another activity for visitors there could be for members of the EHS to share their memories of living in Eliot.

Grants – Helen Goransson reported that a committee consisting of Jan Cerabona, Rosanne Adams and Ann Shisler is working on a grant proposal to the Horizon Foundation. The deadline for that submission is in early October but they will work on it over the summer and report on their progress at the September meeting. She is also looking into a couple of other grant opportunities, including a resubmission to The Fabulous Find.

New Business – The Great Works Regional Land Trust has no Eliot board members. If anyone is interested, please volunteer.

The Aging in Place Committee is still collecting surveys and will be at the polls if anyone hasn't completed theirs yet. These can also be dropped off at the town offices.

Keith Searles attended a presentation about the French and Indian War and highly recommended we bring that to one of our meetings.

The Nightingale painting we acquired was on display during the meeting.

We thanked Keith and Toni Searles for the evening's refreshments.

Program

The theme was "Wedding Bells", and those in attendance who wished to shared their experiences and stories about how they met or what their wedding day was like.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Goransson