

## ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The business part of the meeting followed the evening's program at 8:40pm, but is summarized first in these minutes. Tonight's Fudge Raffle was announced @ \$1/raffle. Winners will be drawn during the refreshments. Big thanks to Doris Grover for donating the fudge.

**Secretary's Report:** Tracey read the minutes of the March meeting which were accepted with no corrections. Paul confirmed that Tracey has accepted the position as secretary through the rest of the year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Ashley presented the treasurer's report which was accepted with no corrections.

### **Committee updates were presented:**

**Correspondence:** Helen Sullivan confirmed that a sympathy card has been sent to the family of David Levitt and also a thinking-of-you card was sent to Carol Zamarchi. Thank-you cards were sent out to the donors who gave gifts towards the Lasagna Dinner & fundraiser including: When Pigs Fly, BJs, Market Basket and Sam's garage. A donation was also received from the library towards the event.

**Membership:** Sylvia confirmed that the organization has received a new member - Philip Swan from Dover.

**Program:** In Carolyn Bogh's absence, Paul confirmed the May program will be the presentation of Commander Claire Bloom, who served as the first woman to be the Second-In-Command of USS CONSTITUTION, the Navy's three mast square rigged sailing ship in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Fundraising:** Cindy Lentz provided a recap of the very successful Lasagna dinner & fundraiser with \$900 raised with \$100 of expenses owed. \$70 of which is owed to church and approx. \$30 misc costs. Pam confirmed she will send a check to the church. It was also confirmed that during the event a coffee pot was broken. Will confirm with Carolyn that we will replace it. The committee met last week and discussed possibly inviting back Hap Moore to do the antique appraisal once again. Sylvia will get in touch with him to determine how the market is doing.

**Education:** Jan Cerabona thanked all who made the Local Stories event so successful which took place on March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Kids had a wonderful time and were very well behaved especially during the spelling bee. Overall, everything went very well. For those who participated, an invitation for breakfast with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders has been provided for Tuesday morning. 12-14 people confirmed they plan to attend. Jan also confirmed that an initial meeting on the plan for 2020 Bicentennial took place with Lydia and a few others. A number of people have shown their interest. The idea was discussed where the celebration would be kicked off with the Eliot Festival in 2019 and would continue throughout the year with monthly events ending with the Eliot Festival in 2020. There were many ideas being discussed for the monthly events. With the wording getting out, more people are sharing their interest to get involved. Next meeting is scheduled for 4/16 at Library at 4pm. The plan is document and give a presentation to Selectman. Sounds like there is interest from the town.

## **Old Business**

Citizen's Option Meeting – went smoothly. A recommendation was made to appoint a committee to plan for the program and presentation in June in Jeanette's honor. Jan confirmed that 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders had developed beautiful video with Jan. This could be playing throughout the event on the day of the dedication. Ann Schissler confirmed that HS could have it. It was also confirmed that Carolyn has interviewed Jeanette. It's believed that this video is still likely stored in the camera. It was also recommended that invitations be sent to family for the event. Four (4) volunteers confirmed they would help work this (Helen Sullivan, Sylvia Moynihan, Julie Johnson and Cindy Lentz. As next steps, they will reach out to Carolyn and confirm the who will do what.

Ruth Drake provided an update the display case being designed. With the return of her finish-carpenter, she met with Lydia and Ruth at the library. They are looking at molding and will match the same white oak. The plan is to make it moveable (display case). Once the plans are finished, they will determine the needs / cost of the lumber and will price out the two options of using safety glass vs. plexi-glass. It was also confirmed that they will look into lighting. The display case will have a lock and will likely be made with sliding doors. The library is in process of planning to have their woodwork refinished. Once complete, they will ensure the display case is finished to match the library woodwork.

**New Business:** Paul shared that the following day is the planned Marshwood High School Community Service Day. Unfortunately, where Zip is not available to support and the weather is not looking good, Paul recommended that the event be cancelled due to weather and lack of volunteers to coordinate. All agreed to cancel.

At 9:15pm, Paul confirmed the meeting is closed.

## **Evening Program:**

The evening program was presented by Paul Johnson – who has been the Superintendent of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Eliot for the past 6 years. He discussed the duties and responsibilities of a cemetery superintendent as well as the basics and inner workings of the cemetery. He shared the history and talked of the business strategy of a cemetery operation. Many questions were asked by attendees. The presentation was well received by all. Paul ended the discussion with some helpful recommendations, some interesting situations he has encountered over the years. Lastly, Paul confirmed that there is currently over 400 available plots and additional acreage not yet cleared.