

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – November 4, 2019

Paul Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Paul confirmed the schedule for the evening, with the Program to be followed by refreshments and then the Business Meeting. Every month we have a fudge raffle– 2 winners will be picked at the end of the evening. EHS is non-profit and donations are always welcome.

Officers Report

Secretary Report: Tracey Graffam read the minutes of the October meeting which were accepted and approved with one correction.

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

Committee Updates

Correspondence: Helen sent a get-well card to Ruth Drake.

Membership: Sylvia confirmed that we have new lifetime members the family of Gene and Stacey Wipyski.

Programs: Carolyn Bough confirmed for that the next month's program is a fun evening where all are invited to bring in something they would like to share from the past. If you do not have something to show, you are invited to share a story on your favorite Christmas gift you have received or something similar.

Collections: Nothing to report

Building: Paul confirmed there is now power in the shed out the back.

PR/Publicity: Carolyn confirmed that as of December, she will no longer be serving in her current capacity for PR/Publicity or Programming.

Fund Raising: Julie reported that starting with this evening, they are selling raffle tickets @ \$1 ea or 6 for \$5. Items being raffled include a Twinsize Coverlet, Salmon Falls Cookie Jar and Two tickets to the Portsmouth Repertory Theater. Tickets will be sold tomorrow at the Polls from 10-6pm. Dec. 2nd here at the next meeting and the Dec. 7th Bazaar. Drawing of Tickets will be after the Bazaar. In addition, baked goods will be sold along with the raffle tickets at the Bazaar. A list of bake goods has been written down and is based on what sold well previously. All are asked if they would like to make something – to review the list and put your name next to the item listed. Then if you all would deliver to Julie by Friday, Julie will wrap it for the bazaar to sell. All pans will be delivered back to you.

Education: Jan confirmed that on Wed night she is meeting with School board to recommend the idea of offering tours of the High School and the granite stones with the historical markers. It's a great place to learn about the history of both Eliot and Berwick. It's a great opportunity to get publicity for the historic societies of both communities. Also on Friday, the Elementary school is hosting a Veteran-days celebration where they will recognize Dot is holder of the Cane. Dot turns 103 on Dec. 8th. Jan and the committee is hoping to give her a GC for \$103 for Dunkin Donuts and hope to present this with the award at the ceremony. The ceremony starts at 2pm- all are invited to attend.

Grants: Nothing to report.

2019 Nomination Committee: It was confirmed that there is an opening for the Board of Directors. Nominations will be put forward for the coming year.

Old Business

It was confirmed that for the Maine Bicentennial an updated calendar of events has been made. On March 14th there will be a community supper at the Congregational Church. Then on April 14th as part of the annual Freshmen / School clean up, they will be incorporate "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" clean up. Various committees within the community will be involved.

Paul reminder all to vote.

New Business

It's that time of year when we send out the signup sheet for the monthly refreshments' schedule. All are asked to sign up. Also, the Downeast Magazine reached out to towns within Maine to submit 5x pictures as part of the Bicentennial. Eric and Roseanne, on behalf of EHS, submitted 7x pictures on behalf of the Historic Society. Many thanks to both of them pulling this together.

As a reminder, in December the committee will electing new officers.

Carolyn also let us know that Sally Hartford is having a hip replacement this month and it would be nice to remember her. Hellen confirmed that she will follow up and send her a card. It was an asked on the status of Carol Zamarchi's health. It was confirmed that she was doing well.

Lastly, a big thank you is sent out to all for the evening's refreshments including Jan, Barbara and Deb. Just a reminder that on Monday, Dec. 2nd all are asked to go through your attics and bring something old to share.

Program

Carolyn Bogh introduced Paul Gorranson who led a presentation on the restoration of the 1700 barn on their property. Paul shared the details of the restoration project of the barn on the program. The project started in 2017 and was completed in May 2019. Paul shared history of the owners of the barn which included James Bartlett c. 1870 and Nathan Bartlett of the 1740s. Paul confirmed that the original Heard Garrison is one of the oldest structures in Eliot. The Bartletts moved into the area and married into the Heard Family in the 1700s. There was an earthquake that destroyed many buildings in Eliot. In in 1930s, Burt Irving took over and used the lands for cows. The Irvings sold the property to Boardman's from Concord, which served as they beach house. From there the house sold from the Boardmans to the Thomsons – Kay Thompson – managed the property until they sold in 2001. In 2017, the property was then sold to Paul and Wife. Many had questions for Paul on the techniques used during the restoration. All enjoyed the program very much and shared their appreciation to Paul. The program ended at 7:50pm and was followed by refreshments and the business portion of the meeting.

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

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