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ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – February 3, 2020

Paul Johnson called the meeting to order at 7pm. Paul welcomed all to the meeting and kicked off the meeting, announcing the evening's raffle would include 3 sets of homemade Fudge. Thank you to Doris Grover for the fudge. Paul announced that the evening would start with the evening's program and would then be followed by refreshments. Jan Cerabona introduced the speaker of the evening, Tammi Truax, a noted author and Poet Laureate. Tammi presented the story of Ona Judge Staines, who was a slave of Martha and George Washington. Tammi described Ona's life within the Washington's household and some of her various daily tasks as a seamstress and to take care of Martha's granddaughter Nellie. While the first family was in Philadelphia in 1796, Ona walked away at the age of 21. Her escape was likely by ship from Philadelphia to Portsmouth where she eventually ended up in Greenland, NH. The presentation discussed how the now free Ona then married but still struggled in poverty for the rest of her life. While living in this area there were two unsuccessful attempts by the Washingtons to recapture her and return her as a slave. Ona felt that it was better to be poor and free than to be a slave.

During refreshments and in support of the celebration of Maine's Bicentennial, Jan Cerabona led a Trivia Contest with questions on the history of Maine, government and the town of Eliot.

After refreshments, three names were selected for the raffle and the Business Meeting commenced at 8:30pm

Business Report

Paul kicked off the Business portion of the meeting and proceeded to the Officers' Reports

Officers Report

Secretary Report: Vice President, Denny Lentz, read the minutes of the January 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: Nothing to report

Membership: Sylvia announced that we picked up 3 new members.

Programs: Jan talked about the programs planned for March. It was also shared the updates to the Bicentennial program which include on March 14th – Community Bean Supper. In April and May, there will be a Birthday Party and Parade. The Committee recommends that EHS should consider how they might want to participate. The committee is also working to submit another grant to the committee to support events for the Bicentennial.

Collections: Nothing to report.

Building: Nothing to report

PR/Publicity: Paul confirmed that announcing our meetings in the Sentinel is good practice.

Fund Raising: Julie reported on several fundraising events that are coming up. First, that we have been selected as a community partner with Seacoast Repertory Theatre. As a partner they will give us 100 tickets to the 2020 shows for us to do as we please. Second, we have also been selected as a community partner with Robert's Maine Grill. What this means is that on February 12th and 19th, 5% of their profits will be donated to the Eliot Historical Society.

The next fundraising event is an Antique Appraisal with Hap Moore and Lee Horowitz on March 21st. The event will be held at the Eliot Methodist Church from 9am to 1pm.

Education: Jan is working on the Kids' Programs for the upcoming year. Paul asked Jan to add stuff to the Display Case that is located in the lobby of the Post Office. Jan agreed to take care of it.

Grants: Nothing to report.

2019 Nomination Committee: No updates.

Old Business:

Jan Cerabona reported that as part of the Maine Bicentennial the committee hopes to have a Community Service /Good Neighbor Week to help your neighbors and spruce up the town. We hope to scrap and paint the #8 Schoolhouse during this event.

Paul reported that the Fundraising Committee voted to give two tickets each meeting to our program speakers as a token of our appreciation. Also the rest of the tickets will be sold to the membership or anyone else for \$10 each. This is a great deal for these \$35 tickets. See Julie Johnson to purchase.

New Business

Jan Cerabona reminded everyone about the Community Bean Supper on March 14th. EHS is a sponsor of this event. What that means will be defined later after we find out what the committee needs.

Paul reminded everyone that our next event is the Antique Appraisal on March 21st.

A big thank you goes out to Jack and Polly McDonough for refreshments tonight... Many Thanks.

-Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Johnson (with a little help from my friends)

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Antique Appraisals

Saturday, March 21st 2020

9am - 1pm

Eliot Methodist Church - Route 236, Eliot, Me

Receive Expert Verbal Assessment of Your Antiques

We all have treasures in our homes. Wouldn't you like to know their value? Join us; spend some time with 2 experts with over 35 years' experience:

Hap Moore of York, ME, Licensed and active as an auctioneer of antiques and personal property has been appraising and auctioning estates, collections, old households and single items since 1985

Lee Horowitz of Fitchburg, Mass, is an expert in jewelry, coins, currency, precious metals and stamps. Lee is a dealer and is **willing to buy** should you decide to sell.

Bring your art, china, silver, stamps, old coins, paper currency,
Plus 1 item of furniture and jewelry

All attempts to maintain privacy will be made.

1 Item for \$10, 2 for \$15, 3 for \$20

(3 Items max per person)

All proceeds go to the Eliot Historical Society

*****Refreshments available*****