

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – March 2, 2020

Paul kicked off the meeting, announcing the evening's raffle would include 2 sets of homemade fudge and in addition a bar of handcrafted soap. Paul announced that the evening would start with the refreshments and would then be followed the evening's program. In support of the celebration of Maine's Bicentennial, Rosanne would lead the program with trivia questions on the history of Maine, government and the town of Eliot. Attendees are invited to add their name to the Trivia Sheet each month and numbers with names will be drawn and those who answers the questions correctly will win a prize. Groups can play together. After the trivia questions, a movie and visual journey over Maine will be presented, titled "High on the Wings of an Eagle".

Business Report

Paul kicked off the Business portion of the meeting at 8:50pm.

Officers Report

Secretary Report: Tracey Graffam read the minutes of the February meeting which were accepted and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: In Pam's absence, Paul presented the treasurer's report which was accepted with no corrections.

Committee Updates

Correspondence: Nothing to report

Membership: Nothing to report

Programs: Paul – thanked Jan Cerabona for setting up display in Post Office. Next month, planning to plant daffodils. On election day, putting out information on EHS at the school and library. Any ideas please pass them on.

Collections: Julie confirmed received a couple of bricks from Rick & Shirly Searles.

Building: Nothing to report

PR/Publicity: Rosanne confirmed she has a Facebook Page. Sentinel and Seacoast has not been posting the stories. Paul confirmed that last meeting there was an announcement in the Sentinel.

Fund Raising: On behalf of Roseanne, Julie confirmed that all tickets have been sold from Seacoast Rep Tickets. Have sold first 50 tickets... will increase sale price to \$15 / tickets and working on future areas where these will be sold. Good support on the community supper. 5% from proceeds with ticket to be sent shortly. Antique Appraisal – March 21st. 9-1pm, Eliot Methodist Church on RT 236. Flyers are on back table. Members are invited to help deliver and asked to sign up. Recommended submitting advertising on Radio and Sentinel. Julie made a list of different items they need for sale. All are asked to volunteer for a few hours in any way, please put your name down. Julie sent the list around. Call Julie if you have any questions.

Julie will pick up or delivery to Julie at any time. Need to get the flyers out on the Antique Appraisal. Congdon after Dark is also an option, they will partner with us during the summer: Paul and Margie filled out the application and submitted. Food Trucks arrive in evening. Tithing Tuesdays – 10% donated to recognize organizations like ours, if selected, proceeds would come to us. We can promote our organization with a booth and sell items at the event - wonderful opportunity. Also, looking at a shared program with Hackmatack Playhouse, will want to pick a date as a group of one of the plays, estimate how many tickets you think you can sell, the playhouse will set aside this many tickets @\$20 and we can sell at \$30. Tents available for cookout / wine cheese as a group.... Pick a date and decide how many tickets. In Spring we would determine how many tickets. Make up vouchers to sell ahead of time. We would pick a date, EHS will purchase so many tickets... as a Society Fun Night...Social Event. Plays this summer include: July - The Foreigner, Aug - Legally Blonde, End of August thru September - Spitfire Grill. We are asked to pick a date as soon as possible. Deadline March 21st. Table until May meeting. (discussed that the Senior price is \$20) Not much of saving. On sale at the Supper. Eliot Festival Day meeting – more and more interest – goal to grow Eliot Festival – looking to hear about the Grant – on fireworks back in budget. Good Neighbor day: put in a request to Mike Zamarchi to work at the school, to get it scraped. Interested people in community to help get this done. Kid’s Day, Tues. April 14th, Good Neighbor Week, looking to get out the message. Roseanne contacted Mike, to get some kids help out. Need assistance to determine what needs to be done.

Education: Jan shared the March 16th Bicentennial Celebration and the unveiling of the Nightingale. Jan will confirm it will be ready. On the 27th, Kids doing a tour from Highschool and Grange, working with kids on two Thursdays. Roseanne will send out an email with exact dates. Kids will be learning about the Brickyards, the Nightingale and history of the school. Jan will update on Wednesday. Jan will be at the polls tomorrow with Eliot Maine “On a Roll” – will be on sale.

Grants: Still waiting to hear about Fabulous Finds – no news yet.

2019 Nomination Committee: No updates.

Old Business:

Community Supper at the Eliot Methodist Church on Route 236 on Saturday, March 14th, has great support. A list has been made up for what we are in need. There are 11 different entities sponsoring this meeting again on the 9th. Looking for help in the kitchen, make pies & salad etc. Meeting on the 9th will determine. Church is taking a lead on the set up and clean up, just looking for help to support. The Historical Society is listed as a sponsor. Monetary contributions are accepted as well. Donate 3 or more items to the Food Pantry, or Donate \$, Baked Beans (enter in contest) or Volunteer. Prizes include free door prizes, raffles, (50-50).

Tuesday 31st of March, the Representatives of Augusta have invited Berwick and Eliot visitors center at Capital from 8:30-9am. Lunch with legislators, tour of capital, space is limited. Children welcomed. Let Roseanne know.

New Business

Our next fundraiser, Antique Assessment on March 21st at Eliot Methodist Church. Julie has signup for volunteers, flyers on back table, please note what you have to review. Confirmed we will have flyers at the Community Dinner, Roseanne confirmed they can be at Election Day and Supper.

Paul confirmed that per the bylaws the annual Audit of the books was completed and conducted by Toni Searles. Toni confirmed that the audit was completed with a few corrections, noted by Pam Ashley. Toni confirmed that everything was in agreement.

Question was asked about the need to paint the School House. Paul confirmed that the school is scraped, but not painted. Perhaps looking for High School kids to assist. Another question was submitted regarding the what are the goals of the Historical Society? Specifically with what will happen if the Grange is sold? It was recommended that once a year, the organization would have a financial meeting with just the society to review where the society is going. Kathy, confirmed that society didn't have the sufficient funds to purchase the Grande. Paul did share that money is to be collected to support the purchase the grange and also shared that we would not be able to pay for fair market value. It was recommended that the Board address this and put together recommendation. It was asked if we could build on to the land of the school house? Paul confirmed the property is not suited for a structure, as it is a non-conforming lot. It was recommended that Board prepare for more than one situation. The recommendation includes identifying costs parking, roof, big cost items. With ownership of the building, we may be open to receiving grants. The Directors and Board agreed to schedule a time to meet and work to define next steps.

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

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