

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – Nov. 1, 2021, The Basin

Paul kicked off the evening's meeting at 4:10pm welcoming attendees.

Secretary's Report

Tracey read the secretary's report from Oct. 4th meeting, the minutes were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Pam, Paul read the treasurer's report for the period of 10/1 thru 10/31. The report reflected Book sales of \$200 and the receipt of the donation from Fabulous Find.

Correspondence Committee

A \$200 donation was received from Rose Trafton, who lives in NJ. She sent this along with her appreciation for the effort in the maintenance of the Tretherly/Spinney cemetery. Paul sent out a thank you note for her donation.

Program Committee

For program updates, Jan shared that she met with family who bought the #3 School House located on Brixham Road for their son. The goal is to restore it to its keeping with its historical past. The outhouse is still intact. They will stay in touch with the historical society on their progress.

We were also contacted by a gentleman in Rye, NH who was interested in understanding how the educational program with the Elementary School and the School House was originally established. He is interested in setting up a "Seacoast Historical Society" bringing together various groups around the Seacoast. The goal would be to share lessons learned and share programming ideas. He is looking for a volunteer from our organization to participate. Currently he is in contact with Rosanne. If others are interested to participate on behalf of the Eliot Historical Society, please let Paul know.

Collections Committee

For Collections update, Julie shared that a desk was donated from the local business, Eliot Small **Engineer Engine**. Jan recommended that we consider mounting the desks similarly to those that were donated already mounted. This would make them safer, and kids would then be able to sit in them during their visit.

Building Committee

Paul provided an update for the building committee and discussed the need for a new roof for the School House. Now that the organization has the funds, he is recommending we repair the roof in the spring. He has reached out to two contractors for quotes and is still waiting to hear.

Fundraising Committee

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Julie confirmed the significant donation received from Fabulous **Finds Find** in Kittery – which valued \$9686.57. She also shared that we still have tickets for the Repertory Theater. They are \$10 each. They are good for any show that has availability. The purchaser would just need to contact the Box Office to confirm. The theater has put steps in place to keep attendees safe by spacing out seats.

Nomination Committee

Silvia, Julie & Pam of the nomination Committee – confirmed that at the next meeting in December, the slate of nominees for the coming terms would be shared and names can be put forward. There will be two open positions on the Board of Trustees.

Old Business:

Paul shared that there was a record turn out with donations and sales at Fabulous ~~Finds Find~~ which resulted in the significant donation amount received from them.

Jan share that as a follow up on the burial of the Time Capsule – there was a good turnout with the school in attendance. Carol ~~Zamarchy was~~ and Zip Zamarchi were also in attendance, along with Jan and Rosanne. Steve Robinson will install the plaque for the stone on Friday at 9am. Rosanne confirmed the November newsletter includes many pictures from the event.

Paul shared an update on the project at Brooks Cemetery. A good turnout of 9 volunteers assisted with the effort which successfully documented the necessary information. This information will be used for the preparation of building out the website and will require data entry of the information collected. Anyone interested to support this effort, please let Paul know.

New Business:

Paul put forward a recommendation that some of the money received this year be put towards reviving the Eliot Historical Society Markers Project which had been led by Zip. He added that Helen Goransson would be interested to support this. The signs would document various historical sites with photography and accompanied story. Like the project completed by the town of Kittery. Some ideas of story / locations would include where the plane crashed ~~into~~ in front of the town hall, Frost Garrison, and the Brickyard. This would likely result in about 10-13 locations, which would be coordinated with the Code Enforcement Office with permits etc. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Paul.

Jan also shared that Wreaths Across America would be coming through the town of Eliot past the Middle and Elementary Schools on Dec. 13th. There will be posters / banners confirming the time they are coming through. This should be a big event and is quite the parade which will be coordinated by the police and fire department.

Paul confirmed that our next meeting would be on Monday, Dec. 6th at 7pm via Zoom. The program would be Show & Tell.

Attendees of the meeting was approx. 14

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

Dec. 6th, 2021