

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – May 2, 2022, via ZOOM

Paul kicked off the evening's meeting at 7:10pm welcoming attendees to our monthly meeting – our first meeting held at the Congregational Church (which was also presented on Zoom).

The meeting started with the evenings program, a video presentation for the Eliot School House # 8. Link for the schoolhouse will be emailed out once we have approval from the Eliot Elementary School.

Secretary's Report

Tracey read the secretary's report dated 4/4/22. The minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report

Pam read the treasurer's report for the period of 4/1 thru 4/30/22. The Treasure's report was approved with no corrections.

Membership: Silvia confirmed a new member (annual membership) was received.

Programs: Rosanne shared an idea of presenting some examples of our collection at our next meeting. Our collections are stored at the Eliot Grange Hall. Julie and Paul agreed to video some of the collection to share with the organization via zoom and at the next meeting.

Building: Paul confirmed that the sheet rocking is in process and painting is complete. Will be all set for opening in May.

Old Business: Jan confirmed that the #8 Schoolhouse will be opening for the summer in May. opening Paul publicly thanked the Doug Herrin Family who came in and put sliders on the foot of the old desks, which will allow the visiting students to safely sit at the desks. Paul also shared that he is working with the website developer for the Eliot Cemetery website, and they are looking into ways to search across the Eliot Website, Cemetery Website, Town Website. A town contractor is also assisting this effort, so the databases are linked through the town website.

New Business:

Paul put out the inquiry to the attending members on what the preference is for the next meeting - in person, if so where? All attending agreed that we should continue meeting at the Congregational Church, while also presenting via Zoom.

Paul also shared that the EHS is considering the request that we host the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) annual spring gathering scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2022. Paul would offer to provide a presentation on the Cemetery database / website. We would need to confirm a location. Rosanne recommended we meet here at the Congregational Church. She also shared that the host is expected to provide coffee, morning snack and bagged lunch which typically includes soup/sandwich/snacks. Expected costs are within the range of \$6 - \$9. MOCA confirmed that the proceeds raised from the attendance costs would be shared with the host site to cover food / room costs. MOCA will confirm how many lunches are required. We need to confirm that we can meet their requests by June 4th. In addition to food costs, we need to confirm the cost of the room. Rosanne shared that we should expect around 50-60 attendees. Paul recommended that we set up a committee. Ideas were shared on various food options to consider.

Jan shared that a three large items have been offered as donation to the EHS collection from Donny Webber. The items include two wooden models of local Eliot buildings which are approximately 3'x3'. Also being offered is an old stone sharpener. Jan noted that one of the wooden models requires additional work to

complete it. Discussion was had on what we should do with the donations – as they are too big to store at the Grange Hall. Ideas included offering these to be housed at the library, at Sanctuary Arts and also at the Raitt Farm. Jan agreed to follow up with Lauren Dow to see if they were interested.

Tracey agreed to also look into how we can share the videos from the previous meetings as they are too large to be uploaded on the website. She will report back.

Pam brought up the cost of the mailbox at the Eliot Post office. The cost of the mailbox has gone up significantly over the past few years. Rosanne will follow up with the postmaster to confirm.

Paul confirmed the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022, and will be held at the Congregational Church and via Zoom.

Attendees of the meeting were 19

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

June 6nd, 2022