

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – Sept 12, 2022, First Congregational Church of Eliot and via ZOOM.

Paul kicked off the evening at 7:00pm welcoming attendees to our monthly meeting and shared that the FCCE Blueberry Festival and the numerous items throughout the hall are all for sale if anyone is interested.

Following the opening, the meeting commenced with the evening's program, led by Rosanne Adams, titled the Blacksmiths of Eliot. The very informative presentation was enhanced with several attendees sharing their personal experiences and family history of Eliot Blacksmiths. The evening's program has been recorded and is posted on the Eliot Historical Society Website.

Secretary's Report (Tracey Graffam-Dickson)

Tracey read the secretary's report dated 6/6/22. The minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report (Pam Ashley)

Pam read the treasurer's report for the period of 6/1/22 through 8/31/22. The Treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

Programs (Rosanne Fisher and Jan Cerabona): October's Program will be led by Jeff Brubaker, the Town Planner, who will discuss the Town of Eliot Comprehensive Planning Process. In November, Eric Christian will be presenting "400 Odd Years of Eliot History".

Membership (Sylvia Moynahan): no update

Building (Paul Johnson): no update

Fundraising (Margie Brown): no update

Education (Jan Cerabona): Jan shared that planning is started for Wreaths Across America which will be hosted again by Eliot on Dec. 12th, with the school's participation.

Cemetery Committee (Paul Johnson): no updates

Collections (Julie Johnson): no updates

Correspondence (Helen Sullivan): No updates

PR/Publicity (Rosanne Fisher and Jan Cerabona): No updates

Grants (Helen Goransson): Nothing to report

Old Business:

#8 School House: The coming Saturday, Sept. 17 will be the last Saturday that the #8 School House will be scheduled to be open for this season. Jan has offered to open the school upon request after this date. Paul provided an update on MOCA meeting which received 64 registered attendees. The event in July gave EHS a chance to showcase all its effort over the past years and turned out to be a huge success and a worthwhile meeting for all who participated. In addition, EHS received \$350 profit from the event. Paul wanted to first and foremost thank Rosanne for spearheading the event and for her tours/discussion at the cemetery in the afternoon. Paul thanked Eric for his efforts and for putting together his presentation, which was very well received by the attendees. Paul thanked Tracey for her efforts and Kathy Runey who took on the responsibility for arranging and making available lunch and refreshments. Paul also thanked Jan for support and for manning the #8 Schoolhouse. Paul then thanked all the bakers who did a fantastic job providing a variety of delicious snacks for the morning and afternoon sessions. And last but certainly not least, Paul, thanked Julie for all her efforts throughout the day's events. Rosanne also shared a big thank you to Paul for

hosting the event and for ensuring there were coolers of water at each of the meeting locations for all in attendance. The weather was beautifully sunny but extremely very warm.

Paul confirmed that In August, EHS celebrated the annual summer picnic which took place at Dead duck. The event saw a pretty good showing, and all enjoyed catching up while keeping cool with a lovely evening breeze.

Later in August, EHS was invited to tour the Frost Garrison to check out the renovations that are taking place. It was confirmed that for those interested to visit in the future, just call ahead to arrange a date & time.

Paul provided an update on several cemeteries that received some great clean-up and shared the attendance of several volunteers, including Wendy Watts, Barry Bernard, Julie and Paul at the Tetherly Cemetery, and the Herron Family at the Ferguson Cemetery, in addition, Jan & Rosanne also helped clean up Ambush Rock and the Goodwin Cemetery.

New Business:

Eliot Festival Days is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24th. EHS will have the same booth location as last year. Books will be made available for sale. All are invited to participate, just let Margie know if you'd like to help man the booth. In addition, Paul confirmed that it is time to be thinking about electing Officers for 2023. If anyone is interested in a position such as Secretary or Treasurer, please let him or Margie know. The nomination committee will be meeting to identify possible candidates over the coming weeks. Lastly, Paul confirmed the next meeting will be held on October 3rd and closed the meeting with refreshments for all at 8:45pm.

Attendees of the meeting were 22

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

Date: September 12, 2022