

# ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for Jan. 4, 2010  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called the business meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and he recognized any guests. Denny acknowledged that Fran Hartford is back with us after his operation.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the December meeting. There were 2 corrections and the minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson gave the treasurer's report showing debits for CMP and a wreath for the school, program expenses, Staples supplies and Grange rental leaving a balance of \$420.12 in the checking account. There were credits for SRT ticket sales, dues, book sales, and interest giving a balance of \$12,455.98 in the savings account. Her report was approved.

## Committee Chair Reports

Correspondence Report Denny spoke with Peggy Elliot who has acted as correspondence secretary. She is working now on Monday nights and can't attend meetings, but would be happy to continue doing our correspondence.

Membership Report Janet Saurman reminded every one that it is time to renew our memberships and that it covers the calendar year.

Collections Julie said she had nothing new to report at this time.

Building Paul Johnson was out of town. Denny said that Paul has a committee to identify the 17 special road signs that existed in the past denoting familiar town corners, etc. He discussed with Bill Shapleigh to help with the signs. There also was a suggestion that a new sign be made for the Town Hall. Paul also thanks Cindy for placing a Christmas wreath on the #8 Schoolhouse door.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh said she sent an article to the Sentinel Newspaper to encourage getting new Eliot Historical Society members. She plans to put an article in the Community News Letter coming out in March telling what our Historical Society is doing for the Bi-Centennial.

Fund Raising In Carol Zamarchi's absence Julie reminded members that there are plans to hold a yard sale again in May. Please set aside any items for the sale.

Education Jeanette Paul said that she is interested in constructive criticism or suggestions for the next student visitation to the #8 Schoolhouse.

### Bi-Centennial Planning

-Bi-Centennial Ball- Cindi Lentz reported that the Regatta Room is reserved. They are not charging us for the room. There will be 25 tables of 10 people. She said they have the musicians reserved. The Regatta will be serving hefty appetizers. She hopes to keep the cost down to perhaps \$20 per person.

-Parade/Float- Eric Christian said that he would need a wagon to build the float on.

-Signs- Fran came forward to say he would be willing to make the street signs.

-Eliot Poem- Jeanette is working on it.

-Eliot History- Denny said that Ed Vetter and Rosanne are working on ways to narrate the history of Eliot. Perhaps they might offer a self-guided tour.

-#8 School House- Julie, Carolyn, Dick & Denny are the committee for planning that the school be open during the Bi-Centennial.

Dick Bogh asked if the Lion's Club decides to hold a pancake breakfast from 7-9 on that Saturday, would it interfere with our other activities.

Paul Rousseau asked the Society if he could use the school to do talks possibly about old Eliot families. There seemed to be no objection.

### Old Business

Denny asked Eric when we might be able to have Peter Sablock to one of our meetings to report on his findings from the Hammond Homestead Project. Eric said maybe we could get him for the May or June meetings. There was a discussion of what should be done at the site possibly putting up a historic marker or could it become a Maine Historic site.

### New Business

Carolyn said she would like to do visitations in the Eliot schools to talk about the history of Eliot and about the Bi-Centennial.

Denny thanked Polly and Jack McDonough for the night's refreshments.

Denny adjourned the business meeting and then introduced Julie Johnson to do the program for her husband, Paul. Julie then began the video of May 2009 about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade visits to the #8 Schoolhouse. Paul at first had filmed the entire interior of the

schoolhouse. Carolyn had been at the bus to welcome the students. Jeanette rang an old school bell to call the students in. Ray told the students that the boys would set on one side and the girls on the other side. Jeanette played 'America' on the old pump organ as the children sang along. She then led them in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Faulkner then gave them a history lesson showing with a series of flags how our flag evolved. Denny thanked the children for coming. Paul gave them a brief history of the school building, which was built in 1841. Jeanette told them much about how school would have been in this school between 1841 and 1921. There would have been no electricity and no indoor bathrooms. Children would have walked to school. This teacher taught subjects for all 8 grades and some taught art & music as well. Julie finished the video and had a small discussion.

The refreshments were then served by Polly & Jack McDonough.

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary