

# ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

In the absence of the president the Vice President, Judith Hilt called the meeting to order. There were 23 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report In the absence of the secretary Carol Zamarchi read the secretary's minutes from the June 2009 meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson gave the Treasurer's report showing debits for video equipment and Grange rental and credits for dues, book & note card sales and a Grange reimbursement for supplies giving a balance of \$728.30 in the general fund. In the #8 School House Fund there were debits for the electricity bill and some landscaping. There was a credit of \$198.00 from 18 votes from Kennebunk Savings Bank's reinvestment funds giving a balance of \$154.01 in the #8 School House fund. There is a total balance of \$882.31 in the checking book. The savings account had a credit of \$3,250 from the town of Eliot's appropriation check and interest of \$17.12 giving a balance of \$10,444.05 in the savings account.

## Committee Chair Reports

Program Carol Zamarchi had nothing new to report. The October program will be presented by Helen Goransson titled "The Bartlett Family of Depot Road"

Collections Julie Johnson also had nothing new to report.

Membership Judith said that she has no new members.

Building Julie spoke in Paul's absence saying that Paul, Denny & Zip had done mowing and trimming at the Grange Hall.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh reported that she had written an article about the student's visit to the #8 schoolhouse. Paul gave her some pictures to supplement the article, which she submitted to the Weekly Sentinel. The Sentinel published it in their June 19<sup>th</sup> issue.

Fund Raising Carol Zamarchi said that she now has the tickets for the Seacoast Repertory Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" which will be performed in December. The historical society will be selling these tickets as a fundraiser.

Education Jeanette Paul said she has nothing new to report.

Bi-Centennial Planning Zip Zamarchi said the next Bi-Centennial Planning Meeting would be held Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. There was a discussion about the ball, the parade and other activities.

## Old Business

Eric Christian was not in attendance to tell us when we might get the report from the Hammond Homestead Project.

## New Business

The Eliot Festival Day will be Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers for setting up, tearing down and manning the booth.

A motion was made and passed that the society make a \$200 donation for Jack Murphy, one of our members, who recently lost his home and most of his possessions in a fire.

There was a discussion about who was on the nominating committee for the upcoming annual meeting and election of officers to be held December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Judith thanked Julie for providing the nights refreshments.

Judith then adjourned the business meeting.

Carol then introduced Jeanette Paul who was presenting the night's program with Dot Manson and Elizabeth Spinney. Jeanette introduced her older sister, Dot and said she was happy when her best friend Elizabeth became her sister-in-law. The ladies proceeded to share their memories from their prepared notes. Jeanette talked about her first very sturdy home which they purchased for \$3,200. Elizabeth remembered when trucks delivered bakery goods around town and a truck that brought them large chunks of ice from an icehouse in Kittery. If they needed ice, they put a card with a big I in the window. Dot talked about being a part of the BBWW, which was a group of 8 ladies who called themselves, the Busy Bees Willing Workers. Dot, Elizabeth and Jeanette were the last of the 8. They just enjoyed spending time together sometimes sewing or just chatting (but of course no gossiping). Jeanette talked about class trips when they were in school. She & Elizabeth were lucky enough to take a class trip to Washington DC and the world's fair in 1939. All the students worked hard to afford these trips. Jeanette told how she & Dot helped dress some chickens for their Sunday dinner while her grandfather was away. They discovered they

accidentally killed and ate some of her grandfather's prize birds, which he intended to enter in the Boston Poultry Show. The boys tried to put the bands on other chickens, but her grandfather knew the difference. Dot said she felt very grown up when taking the ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth for her piano lessons. Jeanette said that women wouldn't dare to go to church in Portsmouth without a hat and gloves. The ladies had photos and articles to share in a display for members to enjoy.

The refreshments were then served by Julie Johnson.

In my absence I want to thank Carol for taking notes and tape recording the meeting and to Julie for video recording the program.

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary