

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for December 1, 2008
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President, Denny Lentz called the December meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 26 people in attendance including a guest, Faith Noble.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the November meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson read the Treasurer's report showing debits for recording tape and Grange rental. The credits of Eliot book sales and \$1,795 from Seacoast Repertory Theatre tickets giving a new balance of \$3,334.02 in the general fund checking account. For the #8 School House fund there was a debit for the electrical bill and credits for note cards and book sales giving a balance of \$946.90. \$5,000 was transferred to a CD and an interest credit gave a balance of \$7,137.19 in the savings account.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Program Carol Zamarchi reported that she is completing the program schedule for 2009. She expects to have the printed programs by our next meeting. She is always interested in getting member's ideas, but she's had no difficulty in filling the schedule.

Collections Julie Johnson reported that she; Cindy Lentz & Jeanette Paul recently met and went through items donated to the historical society from Florence Moulton's family.

Membership Report Judith Hilt said that at the next meeting she would be collecting dues for 2009. Judith passed a sheet of possible members so members could check that all info is correct. There are 80 people on the list, but there were only 25 paid regular members and 7 lifetime members.

Building Paul Johnson reported that there are no scheduled formal work sessions until after the holidays. Paul said that he has placed candles in the #8 schoolhouse and Denny and Cindy had placed a wreath on the schoolhouse door.

Correspondence Denny said that Peggy Elliott had sent a card on behalf of the Historical Society to congratulate Edward Hanson for attaining his Eagle Scout status.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh said that she had nothing new to report.

Fund Raising Carol said that the recent fundraiser of selling tickets for the performance at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre had been fun and a great success. She sold all of the tickets. We again thank the Goranssons for their generous donation.

Bi-Centennial Planning Zip Zamarchi said that their committee would be working harder after the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS (there was none)

NEW BUSINESS

Denny said that it is time to choose the slate of officers for 2009. He asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Carolyn Bogh volunteered and Cindy, Carol & Julie offered to serve with her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denny and Zip recently put up Christmas lights at the Grange.

Denny said that the opening night event at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre was a huge success. He said the play and the food was great and all tickets were sold. Thanks again to Helen and Paul Goransson for their generous gift.

Denny also said a thank you to Carol Zamarchi, Fran Richardson, and Ray Faulkner for serving the evenings refreshments.

The business meeting was then adjourned.

Denny then asked Carol to begin the evening's program of "Show and Tell".

Carol came forward to show us a traveling dresser set from the late 1800s.

John Sullivan asked us to guess what the item that he was holding would be used for. It was a hay saw, also from the late 1800s.

Judith Hilt showed us a piano shawl and was wearing a 1799 silver dollar belonging to her great great great grandmother, Abigail Tobey Brooks.

Dick Bogh showed a meat plate that his grandmother brought from Denmark when she came to America at age 4.

Carolyn Bogh showed us an 1893 pocket dictionary with over 45,000 words purchased for 25 cents. She is donating it to the school.

Helen Sullivan came forward to show us a Knitty Witty.

Jeanette Paul showed us a World War I canteen from her family made in the USA. As a child it was a great foot warmer.

Julie Johnson showed us a World's Fair box from 1893.

Polly McDonough told us about 3 pieces of antique jewelry.

Zip Zamarchi brought a group of bicycle lamps in a special bicycle lamp-shipping crate. He explained how the lamps work.

Roseanne Junkins came up with a bag with her 1st gray hair. She talked about Nicolas Frost, born in 1595 and settled on Sturgeon Creek in Eliot. She also had a ring from her great great grandmother.

Denny showed us a wind-up toy train from the PA Dutch area where he grew up. He had a communication gadget and a large display of Indian arrowheads that he found as a child in PA.

After the show and tell program, we were served refreshments by Carol Zamarchi, Fran Richardson and Ray Faulkner. Cindy and Carol had added Christmas decorations in the hall giving a festive feel for the evening.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING—January 5th.

JANUARY REFRESHMENTS—Carolyn and Dick Bogh

