

# ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting for December 5, 2011  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

The hall looked quite festive with Christmas decorations thanks to Cindy Lentz and Carol Zamarchi. Denny Lentz called the meeting to order with 41 in attendance. He welcomed everyone including several guests. Don Webber had brought in and set up wooden structures made by his father Don Webber Sr. He is donating these wooden models of local buildings to our historical society.

Roseanne Adams said that she has had a conversation with a young man named James Driver who is working on his Eagle Scout badge. His project will be working on a cemetery and has considered working on the Morrell Cemetery

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

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson read her Annual Treasurer's Report. There were credits from the Town of Eliot and interest giving a balance in the Savings account of \$17,884.20. There were debits for utilities, insurance, rent, supplies and presentations, operational fees, program expenses, ball expenses and some miscellaneous in the checking account. Credits for sales, donations, Helen Goransson's book donations, dues and ball receipts were reported giving a final balance of \$2,305.19 in the checking account. The certificate of deposit had an ending balance of \$10,651.64. Her report was approved.

Denny then took a moment to read a Christmas card from Doris Grover. In it she commented on how beautiful the window boxes are and she also said thank you for all the work done on the Grange by our building committee. Denny thanked Carol Zamarchi for decorating the window boxes.

Denny said he also had received mail from the Maine State Archives. It includes information about classes on how to archive. Taking the class would make us eligible for grants. When he got the letter the class was already over. He will make a phone call to see if there will be more classes available.

## Committee Chair Reports

Membership Denny said he is ready to turn over all the membership records to our new Membership Chairman, Sylvia Moynihan.

Programs Carol Zamarchi said she would have the new program schedule for 2012 at our next meeting.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh has talked with a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher about ways they might use our #8 schoolhouse.

Fund Raising Cyndi Sullivan had nothing new to report. She did mention that her committee has a luncheon planned at the Stage Neck Inn in York. If anyone else would like to join them just let Cindy Lentz know. Denny thanked those who participated in the Christmas Bazaar at the high school. They made a profit of \$99.

### Old Business

Denny then asked that Rosanne Adams speak for her nominating committee, which included Helen Goransson and Jeff Koch. Rosanne read the nominated slate of officers and directors: Officers: President, Denny Lentz; Vice President, Helen Goransson; Secretary, Helen Sullivan and Treasurer, Richard Bogh. The Directors were Cindy Lentz, Paul Rousseau and Eric Christian. Denny called for any further nominations. With none, there was a motion that was seconded to accept the slate from the nominating committee. There was a show of hands and the slate was elected. Denny asked all outgoing officers and directors to come forward. He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each. Denny then asked for volunteers to serve as next years nominating committee. Carolyn Bogh, Keith Searles and Rosanne Adams agreed to be on the nominating committee for 2012.

Cyndi Sullivan is the current auditor. When Denny ask her, she agreed to serve as auditor for next year as well.

### New Business

Denny reminded members that it is time to pay our 2012 Historical Society membership dues for those who have not already done so.

Denny received the annual request for a donation from the Great Works Regional Land Trust. After a short discussion it was agreed that we give \$100, which is the same as last year.

There was another discussion and it was decided that our next meeting would be Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> as the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a holiday.

Ray Faulkner suggested a book to read called "Rustic Warriors". It is about warfare on the New England Frontier set in 1689 through 1748.

Members had been given a raffle ticket as they came into the hall. Denny then announced the winner, which was Frannie Richardson. She was the winner of a beautiful poinsettia.

Wade Eisener stood up to say he had found some old pictures and a detailed survey of the property in his home, which was known as the Junkin's home. He was hoping that some of our members could help him identify the subjects in the photos. If we have an interest he would give us a copy of the survey.

Denny asked the members for any ideas on how to best utilize Don Webber's wooden buildings. He asked if anyone might choose to adopt a structure so they might do some research on that building. Perhaps we could eventually set up a display with information about each Eliot building. Maybe they could be displayed at a school, town hall, bank or library. Denny again thanked Mr. Webber for his contribution.

Denny thanked all his current officers for all their work and said he is looking forward to working with the new officers.

Denny thanked Carol and Zip Zamarchi and Ray Faulkner for the night's refreshments. He then adjourned the meeting and called upon the Program Chairman, Carol Zamarchi.

Carol then invited the members to come up in turn and talk about the historical item they wished to share. There were many very interesting items such as photo albums, an old York Hospital bill for a child's birth, a father's daily diary, old greeting cards, an 1818 medical book, a father's boat compass and boat license, etc. Bobbie Beavers came forward to show us a flag that had flown over the capitol in Augusta in honor of the Eliot Historical Society. Bobbie then presented it to Denny. After sharing and reminiscing the members enjoyed refreshments served by Carol and Zip Zamarchi and Ray Faulkner.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Hansen, Secretary