

February 1, 2010

Bethel Historical Society Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the BHS offices at the Paradigm Building by Nick Nikolaidis at 7:03 PM.

Members in attendance: Nick Nikolaidis, Heidi Nikolaidis, Susan Fedak, Greg Fedak, Kevin Flynn, Don Brown, Rose Leonard, Carol DeFreitas.

Guest: Amy Danley White (The Herald)

Secretary's Report: Submitted by Rose Leonard as minutes of Annual Meeting, 1/17/10. Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and accepted at Annual Meeting, 1/17/10.

Old Business:

Museum Inventory Progress: Heidi and Susie have been continuing the inventory despite the cold temperatures in the Museum. Their goal is to compile missing pieces and compare items with inventory lists. They are using a museum identification process comparing donation numbers and dates of donations.

Town Hall Progress: Several BHS members attended the Town Hall Committee meeting on 1/27/10. The completion date for the renovation was announced to be on or about 7/31/10. A weekend celebration has been mentioned as a town wide celebration of the grand opening, possibly in early September 2010.

New Business:

Fund Raising Tickets: BHS will conduct a raffle at the BBA Home, Garden and Business Expo on 3/13/2010. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Currently there are nine prizes in the raffle.

Special Presentations Program: Nick contacted Sabra Field as a possible presenter. Her suggested fee of \$500 was considered out of the Society's range. John Barrows will present "Log Drives on the White River" at 2 PM on 2/21/10 at the Paradigm Building.

Dates for 2010 regular meetings: 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1. All meetings will commence at 7 PM unless otherwise noted. The date for the annual Christmas celebration will be determined at a later date.

Fourth Annual Postcard and History Fair 5/29/10: The Joseph Smith Memorial Foundation will exhibit their collection of photos of their memorial obelisk being transported. "Livin' In Vermont" magazine will also exhibit and will make a donation to BHS for every subscription they are able to sell. The popular appraisals feature will be returning.

Vermont History Expo 6/26-28/10: The general theme this year is "Back To The Land". Don Brown reported that not much information exists on 19th century silk worm cultivation so it was agreed that the Bethel entry will be "The Mills of Bethel".

Suggestions for Special Programs: Dr. Bill Minsinger may possibly speak on the 1927 flood in November 2010. An idea was mentioned of reinvolving the BHS with Whitcomb High School perhaps by offering student internships at the BHS for class credit.

Other New Business

Susie Fedak mentioned the need for new stationery and envelopes, featuring the town hall rather than the museum.

A motion was made to initiate coffee and refreshments at monthly meetings. It passed with unanimous vote. Susie Fedak volunteered to bring baked goods to the 3/1 meeting.

Recent donations to the BHS have included: A book, "Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Vermont" published in 1864 that lists all who served from Vermont in the Civil War (donated by Carol De Freitas); the White River Credit Union has donated a safe for BHS use. It will remain at their offices until the BHS offices move to Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM. Next meeting on 3/1/10 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Flynn

Secretary