

April 7, 2008

Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Nikolaidis at 7:03pm in the conference room at the Paradigm Building.

Members in Attendance:

Janet & George Burnham, Rosella Leonard, Nick Nikolaidis, Don Hyde, Don Brown, Louise and Lorraine Putnam, Kevin Flynn, Helen Miller, and Becky Farmer.

Secretary's Report: was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was not present. Nick reported the checking account has approximately \$3,000.00 in it. He was unsure of the 2 CD's at Mascoma. Report accepted.

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OLD BUSINESS

- There wasn't any Old Business to be attended to at this time.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- *Vermont Book of Days* – We bought 10 books to sell, 2 to 3 have already sold. Price for members \$35.00, price for non-members \$40.00 (the \$5.00 extra includes 1 year membership to the BHS)
- *Post Card and History Fair* – So far we have sold \$467.00 worth of Advertising with more coming to be printed in our Bulletin Programs. The Bulletins will have pictures and history on each page of Bethel and East Bethel along with the advertising. Each will be sold the day of the show for \$2.00 to \$3.00 each with the first 20 to be given out free to the first 20 visitors. We have received \$294.00 from Dealers wanting to participate. Expenses: 1000 Postcards - \$65.00, Special Designed Postmark to be used the day of the show. It was decided to sell non-Bethel postcards at our table. Nick has asked Janet to organize a committee to put together a couple of Display frames of pictures of Main St. Bethel. Several items from the museum dealing with the Bethel Fire Dept. will also be displayed. A motion was made after the show these items will be given to the BFD to be stored at the station. The motion was seconded and approved by all in attendance.
- *Museum* – The museum will be open three times this year. July 27th Don Hyde & Don Brown will be in charge), August 10th and August 24th (Nick Nikolaidis and

Rose Leonard will be in charge). The museum will be open for a few hours and during this time work can be continued on the inventory.

- *Dick Drysdale program "The Herald of Randolph"* – Excellent response from all attending the program. Dick was much honored to be asked to speak by the BHS. We have purchased 7 of his books "Not a Bad Seat in the House" to sell. The book deals with the history of the Chandler Music Hall. Price for soft cover: \$15.00, Price for hard cover: \$30.00. All proceeds go to the Chandler Music Hall. It was decided to sell the remaining books at the Postcard and History Fair.
- *The Pittsfield HS had invited us to a pot luck supper and Civil War Program this Friday at the Town Hall in Pittsfield.* The speaker will be Howard Coffin. The supper is at 5:30 with the program starting at 7:00.
- *Ideas for future programs:*
 - Covered Bridge Program
 - Cemetery Program
 - Fort Fortitude – Helen said Willis Whitaker has made a model of the Fort that used to be displayed at the HS in the 1970's.
 - Civil War – Howard Coffin or Don Whitman
 - History of East Bethel
 - Apple Pie Contest
 - Dinner – dishes from the Bethel Cookbook to raise money for our society
 - Oyster Stew supper with other Bethel Dishes included – February or March 2009.
 - Don Hyde will find out about renting the East Bethel Grange. Don feels we need to have all the food donated if possible to make it profitable.
 - Other ideas are welcome....
- *Dates for regular meeting –*
 - May 5th
 - June 2nd
 - July 7th
 - August 4th
 - September 8th
 - October 6th
 - November 3rd
 - December 15th
- *Special Programs*
 - East Bethel Revisited – a historical walk around East Bethel provided by Don Hyde And Don Brown. July 20th at 2:00pm. Location of start of walk to be announce. In Case of rain the program will be at the Octagon.

Our next meeting will be May 5th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted;
Rosella A. Leonard