

May 5, 2008

## Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Nikolaidis at 7:00pm in the conference room at the Paradigm Building.

### Members in Attendance:

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

Guest: Tom Burgos

### Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,447.85 in the checking account

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Vt. History Expo* – Don and Don are putting together the exhibit with the help of Kent, who is picking out the items to be exhibited. Don was looking for an amount we are willing to spend. \$300.00 was approved with Kent saying he would cover any expense over and above this.
- *Council of the Arts* – Tom Burgos spoke to the society regarding sponsoring an event this year. The event in question was the American Masterpieces Series Constitution Brass Quintet on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, see attached insert. All were very interested in participating with focusing on the Town Band of Bethel and East Bethel. Joanne Edwards will be contacting Janet Burnham and Don Hyde. It was also voted to give the Bethel Council of the Arts a table at the Postcard and History Fair to set up a display to encourage more interest in their events. We also gave Tom a list of our upcoming events for 2008.
- *Post Card and History Fair* – Last minute details were discussed. Set up will be Friday night 4:30 to 5:00. Volunteers to man our table: Don Hyde and Don Brown 10:00 to 12:00, Louise and Lorraine Putnam, Kent Batcheller, George and Janet Burnham and Nick & Heidi Nikolaidis. It was suggested to contact the school looking for students to help set up and take down as a community service project. The Boosters will be providing food.
- *Ideas for upcoming events*  
Fort Fortitude –

Vermont Covered Bridges

Cemetery Program

Fiddlers

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 welcomed....

- New Books coming in the future:

Dorothy Grady book “Reflections of Boyhood in Vermont”

Howard Coffin CD of Charles Fairbanks Book in the works also looking for any information regarding people of interest or events in our town during the Civil War.

- Carla Jenson contacted us looking for information. She found a portrait of Dr.O.V. Green. Attached to the portrait was a letter regarding patients he had treated in a train wreck around 1919. She may be interested in donating the items to our Society.

Paperwork will be drawn up to document these items.

- Vermont Quilt Show – June 27 & 28 at the Champlain Valley Exp.

- George Guernsey book – David Aiken has been taking current pictures of the buildings George Guernsey built. The album was passed around for all to preview.

- *Dates for regular meetings –*

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

December 15<sup>th</sup>

- *Special Programs*

East Bethel Revisited – a historical walk around East Bethel provided by Don Hyde

And Don Brown. July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Location of start of walk to be announced. In

Case of rain the program will be at the Octagon.

Our next meeting will be June 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted;

Rosella A. Leonard