

May 7, 2007

Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nick Nikolaidis at 7:06pm at our office in the Guy Wilson Building.

Members in Attendance:

George Burnham, Rosella Leonard, Heidi & Nick Nikolaidis, Don Hyde, Don Brown, David Aiken, Becky Farmer, Louise and Loraine Putnam, Kent Batcheller, and Helen Miller.

Guests:

Secretary's Report: not available

Treasurer's Report: not available

OLD BUSINESS

- Postcard Show – Our presentation is ready to go. We have several frames of pictures and postcards of Bethel. Nick suggested giving door prizes every hour. Winner has to be present. One item mentioned for a door prize: book “Just Visiting”. Time of show 9-3 at WHS gym. Boosters providing refreshments. Dealers committed: 11 (1 to 4 tables each) 2 Dealers still in the works. Between dealer and sponsors there are 22 tables sold. We have a total of 41 tables to use. Total cash received from paid sponsors: \$540.00. At our table we will also be displaying and selling 1927 Flood postcards (not of Bethel) at \$10.00 each along with various other items. We will try to set up as much as possible Saturday night after the Quilt Show. Nick has received the ok from John Hubble. Nick has also asked Paul Noiseux to find some high school students to help in taking down everything after the show. These high school volunteers will be paid something for their time. Schedule of people working our tables: 9-10am Rose Leonard and Heidi Nikolaidis; 10-12 Don Hyde and Don Brown; 12- whenever Louise and Loraine Putnam. George Burnham has also volunteered to help whenever needed. The advertisement in the Country Sampler was not in the issue we were going to pay for. Because of the oversight Ms O’Kane has graciously promised it would be in the issue just before the show at no cost to us.
- May 16th – the speakers are all set. The tape recorder purchased for this program is being tried out at the regular meeting to determine whether it is suitable. It was voted to provide coffee, tea, punch and a light dessert for those attending. The media and communications class will not be able to attend. Tech projects are due next week at RTCC. Jennifer Ankner-Edelstein will video tape the event.

- Appraisal Night May 24th – Jim Marquis is all set. The fee is \$5.00 per item, 3 for \$10.00. It was decided to have Jim take a look at the items in the museum especially the Revolutionary War Fife to make sure they are appraised and insured for the correct amount. We have invited the Stockbridge Historical Society to participate with us.
- Flat's Walk – Nick has not heard form Bill Johansen. George has talked to Bethel Mills for permission to go on their property. No definite date has been set.
- Newsletter - It has been sent to the printers and will be ready to mail out next week.

- VT History Expo – Don Hyde and Don Brown are still looking for specs on the “Hummingbird” so they can build a model of it for the Expo

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heidi received an email from Mary Pavone. A letter was found in recently donated items to a college from a family. The letter was from George Washington to the grandfather of the family. Evidently the granddaughter found the letter and put it into a scrapbook for safe keeping. A copy of the letter was passed around the meeting for the attending members to view. The letter was written before Washington became president.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted

Rose Leonard
Secretary

