

Minutes of the Bethel Historical Society Meeting
July 7, 2008

The meeting was opened by Nick Nikolaidis at 7PM
14 members and one guest present

The Secretary's report was accepted as presented

The Treasurer's Report shows that there is \$3012.72 in the checking account. It was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Joint BBQ with BBA – see calendar for rescheduled date.

Donation/Acquisition forms. Subject tabled till next meeting

Report on Expo 2008

Don Hyde reported that the response was very favorable and most people stopped by and asked good questions.

Next year's special theme will be *Highways and Byways*

Don also told some interesting stories about the folks who visited our booth.

Future Special Meetings

East Bethel Revisited, presented by Don & Don

Sunday, July 20, at 2PM. Meet at the Octagon building.

Time of the tour will be about 1 hr.

In case of inclement weather the program will be held in the Octagon Building

July 23rd, **Civil War Concert**, sponsored jointly by the Bethel Council on the Arts and Bethel Historical Society.

Tom Burgos was present to give the update on the program.

If it rains, the show will be held the next day, July 24th. If it rains that day too, it will be held at Whitcomb High School

The BHS has been invited to participate in the program. We will set up a tent and will have our Civil War display, featuring Don Brown's Greatgrandfather, Alden Trask. Don Hyde also has some information about other local Civil War participants which he will read. Janet Burnham will also be at our tent with her book about Charlie Fairbanks, a local Bethel boy who was in the Civil War.

Museum Open

Sunday, July 27, Don and Don hosts

Open at 11AM to 3PM

Sunday, August 10th Rose and Nick
11AM – 3PM

Sunday, August 24th Rose and Nick

Sept 18th, Thursday. Joint Hike up to the Branliere Property and BBQ afterwards.
This event was rescheduled from July, due to vacation schedules

September 14th Cemetery Program
C Marchant will be our presenter.

Which cemetery do we want to feature?

Fairview Cemetery has been chosen because it is easiest to access and can accommodate more cars. There are also some interesting old gravesites

October 19th Fiddler Adam Boyce

Don Hyde is still waiting to hear from the E. Bethel Grange about holding the event there

October. Kent talks about his father's inventions

He will get back to us on the exact date.

November - no special meeting scheduled

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings during Winter months, cancellations of meetings, etc

Folks will be able to call a few numbers to check whether or not a meeting has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Janet Burnham

Nick Nikolaidis

Loraine and Louise Putnam

Any other new business

Next meeting is August 4th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted

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For Rose Leonard