

Bethel Historical Society meeting minutes. Oct 6, 2008

No Sec's report

No Treasurer's report

Nick reported that there was a very good turnout for the Branliere walk which was co-sponsored by the BHS and BBA. Afterwards we all gathered for Pizza at the Paradigm Consulting Conference Room.

There was also good attendance at the Fairview Cemetery Walk with Charles Marchant. This was an informative meeting where we learned a lot about the various types of monuments. The walk was followed by a slide show at Paradigm Consulting Conference Room with refreshments.

Upcoming events:

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

Adam Boyce Fiddler at E Bethel Grange

Don Hyde will check with Grange to make sure all is set and to see if they plan to have any refreshments available.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

Kent Batcheller's program about his father's inventions.

Don Hyde will bring the display to Paradigm's Conference room next week some time.

New Business

Janet brought a box full of items donated to the BHS from the estate of Dorothy Grady and also from Eleanor Tatro.

Lots of interesting clippings from newspapers which will have to be put into plastic pages and three-ring binders. We will begin to sort some of the items at this evening's meeting.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Postcard and History Fair

Nick said that he has been talking with many dealers who are interested in coming next year. He is also trying to get an appraiser so we can hold an "Antiques Road Show" type event as a fund raiser.

Guest: Andrew Stone stopped in to ask if anyone has information about the house he just bought. It is the house built by Benjamin Smith, located on Route 12N, (4222 Pleasant St, Randolph) near the Randolph Bethel line.

It is the house where Asa Smith, first white child in Bethel was born.

The business part of the meeting was closed at 7:48PM.

Everyone worked on organizing the box of clippings brought in by Janet Burnham.

Respectfully submitted, Heidi M. Nikolaidis