

# Bethel Historical Society Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2010

Meeting called to order by Nick Nikolaidis at 7:01 PM at the BHS offices in the Paradigm Building.

Members in attendance: Nick Nikolaidis, Kevin Flynn, Susie Fedak, Greg Fedak, Bill Johanssen, Heidi Nikolaidis, Janet Burnham, Don Brown, Don Hyde, Earl Farrington, Becky Farmer, Loraine Putnam, Louise Putnam, Geneva Gaiko, Rosella Leonard.

Guest: Julia Purdy (Rochester Historical Society)

Secretary's Report: Submitted by Kevin Flynn 3/1/10. Accepted as submitted by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Susan Fedak April 1, 2010.

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## **Old Business**

Report on Fund Raiser-The raffle netted \$747.00. Thank you cards have been printed to send to each prize donor. Enough of these cards have been printed to honor future donors.

Post Card and History Fair-Nick has sent out promotional cards throughout New England. E-mail received from Stowe Historical Society recognizing the quality of the cards. Dealer spaces are sold out. Volunteers are needed to help set up and break down the tables and exhibits.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Excel After School Program-Nick made an initial contact with the director. More information as to BHS role needs to be requested.

Progress for History Expo- Don Hyde reports that the Bethel entry will be ready for the exhibit. He has been speaking with Lang Durfee of Bethel Mills regarding the exhibit. Don has requested blow ups of photographs to use in the exhibit. Nick directed him to someone who specializes in this in Barre.

The autograph book available on e-bay was purchased as per motion made at the last monthly meeting. Heidi reports that the cost was \$30.83 including shipping, well below the \$50 authorized. Nick located a photograph of Abby Fisher, the original owner of the book, in his collection.

## **New Business**

Software for museum cataloging- Susie Fedak reports that a program called Past Perfect is available to assist in this project. The cost is \$700. The program creates a photographic record, numerical record and cross referencing. It was also suggested by several members that the BHS look into purchasing a laptop and projection equipment. Heidi said that her son, Peter, is a possible resource for this.

A motion was made to authorize Heidi to look into this. It passed by voice vote. Susie Fedak made a motion to purchase Past Perfect to be used in Heidi's computer in the interim. The motion passed by voice vote.

Julia Purdy would like to present her talk "Ashes and Pearls" at the BHS. This presentation deals with the potash industry in Vermont and its economic and social impact. Due to her time constraints it was decided that after Town Hall opens would be a good time. She also has a work in progress concerning the Justin Morgan trail. This will consist of a map guide to the trail and several community recognitions including a concert by Sounding Joy of Morgan's religious music.

Nick pointed out that members of the BHS may be eligible for such things at the Vermont Historical Society as free use of the library and free admission to the museum. He will check on this.

An invitation to exhibit at the Ethan Allen Days, Oct 9-10/10 has been received. It was felt that the distance there would be too far.

Town Hall-Janet Burnham presented a revised version of the basement floor plan with a hallway added and the BHS office proposed to be in the front of the space allotted to the BHS. Don Hyde suggested that as many electrical wall and ceiling outlets as can be installed be put in. This will prevent having to hire the services of a licensed electrician each time a lighting fixture is moved. Nick acknowledged the offer of Eric Richardson and Keith Bollman to volunteer time working on the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Flynn

Secretary