

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

The meeting, held at the Epsom Public Library, was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by TJ Rand, President.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 17, 2009 meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account has \$2,394.37, the savings account has \$256.85, and the Meetinghouse Fund has \$114.35. There will be a second round of L-CHIP grants. Penny is working with the town Board of Selectmen re. whether Epsom will apply. The historical center building still needs additional resources for electrical systems, plumbing, fire safety, and septic. Grant application will be due 10/16/09 if submitted. 50% of local match must be cash (as opposed to inkind or donations).

The Treasurer paid \$1200 from the balance remaining for the stained glass window repair.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Cookbook: Approximately 200 cookbooks have been sold, with \$2,780.15 received, and more money is expected. \$500 profit has been realized. Valley Artisans and the New Age Plaza will both sell the cookbooks. Ed Nutter commented on the "impressive" quality of the cookbook. Carole Brown thanked the Cookbook Committee for their excellent work.

Epsom Historical Center: electrical wiring has been completed except for the downstairs lights. Buck Styles will donate patching where lighting ceiling fixtures were. Wiring has been placed inside walls now, where appropriate. Work was being done on the chimney today. Armand Claris will assist when painting will occur.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: a motion was approved naming the Advisory Committee to be the Nominating Committee.

Donated items include:

Bruce Coutu gave various paper items/documents and sheet music written by a resident of Gossville.

Henniker Historical Society donated an 1840s John S. Cate day book.

Verna Wells Hunt photo albums are being scanned into the website.

They include 1930s pictures of the school.

Larry Berkson donated paperwork from the Gossville General Store.

Upcoming programs:

Oct. 16 Epsom History, Part II, Revolution-1830s. 7 p.m. at the EPL.

11/15/09, Sunday, 2 p.m., Al Bickford re. Bickford/Hutchins saw mill.

12/6/09, Social for members at EPL.

An attendee asked what the proposed hours of the Historical Center will be. Those hours will likely be Saturday mornings and Wednesdays afternoon/early evening. This will be dependent on availability of volunteers to staff the EHC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2: 20 p.m.

TJ Rand presented an interesting program on the Epsom Freewill Baptist Society.