

Berlin Historical Society Minutes December 15, 2009

The December 15, 2009 meeting of the Berlin Historical Society opened at 7:05 p.m. An abbreviated meeting was held because of inclement weather. Members in attendance were Norb Rhinerson, Maudean Neill, Lewis Neill, Tom Williams, Lynn McManus, Mary Wells and Walter Wells.

Mary Wells reported that there is a total of \$47,393.39 in the society accounts.

The stove posted for sale on Craig's List has not been sold yet. Lewis Neill suggested that the stove could be used as part of our display at the 2010 History Expo.

There were no objections to the purchase of more file cabinets and a fire-proof cabinet.

Two photos of General Dwight Eisenhower were shown. These were supposed to have been taken at the airport in Berlin. Maudean will look at newspaper archives to find a date and exact location for the photos.

Norb has written two histories recently. One is about the history of the Berlin Elementary School and the other is about the Berlin Community Club.

Maudean Neill presented ideas for the 2010 Vermont History Expo. The theme is "Back to the Land" and Maudean has collected detailed information about Berlin farmers from the 1860 Vermont Agricultural Census. She will make sheets for each farm family telling about the family members, farm products and farm animals, including a photo of the farm if we have one in our archives. She would like to use an enlarged image of the historical Beers map as the backdrop to our display, possibly with an "overlay" showing the modern roads and landmarks in Berlin. The Beers map shows the location of Berlin residents.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McManus