

Berlin Historical Society Minutes of April 27, 2010

There were 8 members present.

The Program tonight was "Life in Washington County" produced by Bill Doyle's Vermont History and Government Class at Johnson State College. Bill Doyle was present along with Vince Franke. Vince led off explaining what the video attempted to accomplish, the recording of history narrated by members of the County with pictures to match their stories. Bill also told us about how they had conceived the idea of the County histories, they intend to do all 14 counties in the state. It was well received and there was considerable discussion following.

The treasurers Report as of April 20 was presented by Mary Wells. Our balance was \$47,213.59. It was moved by Cheryl Poor to approve the report, seconded by Walter Wells. Motion carried.

The March 23, 2010 Minutes were not read at the meeting/

Election delayed from our January Meeting

Our current slate of officers is as follows

President – Norbert Rhinerson

Vice President – Maudean Neil

Secretary – Richard Turner

Treasurer – Mary Wells

Assistant Treasurer – Tom Williams

Directors – Walter Wells, Elene Sartell and Cheryl Poor.

It was moved the nominations be closed and all voted aye for the list of candidates.

President Norb suggested the directors meet to review their duties, As Elene is out of town, Cheryl will let the president know when she is back and they will schedule a meeting. In the meantime copies of the constitution and bylaws will be distributed.

Maudean reported on her work to date searching the 1860 census records and is preparing a notebook with as much information she can find on the farmers and their families in that year. in preparing for our exhibit at the Vermont History Expo on June 19 & 20

We will be in booth D10, an 8 by 8 foot space in the Dodge-Gillman Building and the title our exhibit will be Berlin's Lands in 1860. Maudean will be using the Walling Map as it is closest to the 1960 date. She is marking the farm locations on that map and the numbers will conform with the notebook. We will use the Castle Stove as our center piece and we will need a podium and several tables to hold our exhibits. Maudean will contact Tess Taylor who is heading up the Expo to get more details on our space.

Plans for our May 25 annual pot luck dinner meeting at which time Richard Turner will present – A History of the Barre-Montpelier/E. F. Knapp Airport. Cheryl Poor will be the Potluck coordinator and listed materials she has and will need. Her telephone number will be listed in an ad we will post in the World. We should get a picture from Richard to enhance the ad. The ad will also include the History Expo. It was thought that we should be in costume, bib overalls and farm print dresses of the period to make it more realistic.

Lynn said "I sent Mary Tripp of Reston Virginia copies of records regarding the Knapp family, which are also her ancestors. We have the same information in our file cabinet. I also told

her to check out information on the berlinvt.org website, such as the old road study and the history that you have added there.”

We have provided quite a few pictures of monuments at the Dewey-Wright Cemetery. Johnsons and Abel Dutton.

We responded to an inquiry as to the location of the Austin Peck House in Berlin. It was at the corner of Brookfield Road and Darling Road, there is only a cellar hole there now. It was on the 1858 Walling map, so we sent copies of the map, current pictures of the site area and some pictures that I took of Richard looking around in that cellar back in 2007.

Sylvia Parkers article “A Riverton Retreat to the State Forest” has now been published in the latest, Winter-Spring 2010 Vermont History which is a journal of the Vermont Historical Society. Sylvia is also an accomplished pianist and has given us a copy of her playing of Bartok, Griffies, Mozart and D. Scarlatti. If someone wishes to borrow it please let me know.

We were given a number of items by the **Mackenzie Methodist Church** now that they are closed. They are pictures, plaques, a copper pail and other things. They are in the office to look at.

There was no further business so the meeting adjourned at 8:50.