

PISCATAQUA PIONEERS 108TH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 28th, 2012

The 108th Annual Meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers was called to order by President Barbara Alex at 10:00AM on July 28th, 2012. Our Chaplain Barbara Muir gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Fred Boyle First Vice President.

The meeting was held at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center in Eliot, Maine and there were a total of 70 members and guests present. It was determined that the quorum of 25 minimum was exceeded. Introductions with applause were then made to the following groups: Elected officers, Council Members and Past Presidents.

Offices Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** William Hooper was unable to attend this meeting, as he was at his grandson's wedding. In the absence of the secretary, Ellen Dennett volunteered to read the 107th Annual Meeting minutes, but a motion was made, and seconded to suspend reading and to accept the minutes as filed.
- 2. Treasurer:** Margaret Dennett read the report and provided copies of the report to members for their review.
- 3. Auditor:** The Auditor's report was read and confirmed the Treasurer's report. Both the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports were moved, seconded and voted as being accepted.
- 4. Registrar:** Tylene Jousse read her report. Eight new members have been admitted since July 2011 and three were in attendance. A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the prospective members after verification of their application. Tylene presented a Piscataqua Pioneer Certificate to Janet Clarke.
- 5. Curator:** Bill Drew read his report and discussed the Diamond Library and Warehouse Special Collections. He indicated the number of accesses was limited. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Curator's report.
- 6. Chaplain:** Barbara Muir conducted a memorial service for our deceased members.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Miscellaneous Sales:** Bill Frost was unable to attend due to an automobile accident and Margaret Dennett reported sales of Pins, and Note Cards as being \$66.00. Bill Drew reported there were three Piscataqua Pioneer mugs and 12 books sold.
- 2. Presidents' Project:** Armistead Dennett spoke of the on-going project of documenting the biographies of the Piscataqua Pioneer's Past Presidents. He said this is a two-part project with Part I being the collection of biographies and indicated out of the 107 to date, there are 45 done. Armistead said Part II consists of creating a chronological abstract of the business of the society, such as who spoke at the meetings, number of members attended, the trip to England (Barbara Muir), etc. He indicated there were 77 event entries. Bill Drew then stood and recognized Armi for all his accomplishments and hard work done for the Piscataqua Pioneers. Members stand in appreciation and applauded Armistead.
- 3. Website Project:** First Vice President Fred Boyle spoke of the Piscataqua Pioneer website as being key to the growth and health of the organization. He reported on the history of the website and thanked Bill Drew for his personal role in the early stages of the website development. Fred praised Kitty Chadbourne's lead on the committee to secure a web master, which the committee voted on to hire Susan Winch out of Ocean Park, Maine. At the May 2012 Council meeting we voted to pay Bill Drew \$200 for his expenses in providing us with a website for seven years. Susan Winch is a librarian at the Public Library in Scarborough and a webmaster for a number of non-profit groups. Fred indicated that in the future, the website will provide names of all officers and their e-mail addresses and will contain the current newsletter, as well as notices of upcoming meetings and activities. There will be a copy of the Piscataqua Pioneers application form for easy access for prospective members. A new section will include a genealogy query column for anyone to ask questions about unidentified ancestors. Articles will be posted and currently Sylvia Getchell's, Piscataqua Area Place Names and History is posted. Fred indicated the website will be the province of the Society's president, who will have sole authority to direct the webmaster to include data for circulation to members and all interested.
- 4. NERGC:** Fred Boyle reported that the leadership of the Piscataqua Pioneers has looked at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference as being a great venue for exposure of our Society. The 12th NERGC will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH 17-21 April 2013. PP will have a booth where we can have a presence and sell PP items. There will be information on the conference posted as the event becomes closer and there is a need for core volunteers to run the booth for 5 days.

Unfinished Business: There was none proposed.

New Business:

1. Proposed Bylaws: Copies of the proposed Bylaws changes/revisions were at the tables for members to review. All suggested changes/revisions were moved, seconded and approved as outlined and explained.

Announcements:

President Barbara Alex announced that following lunch J. Dennis Robinson will entertain members with slides and stories on the excavation of Smuttynose Island, one of the Isles of Shoals. Barbara also announced that following the nomination of offices after the presentation, members were invited to visit the Discover Portsmouth Center.

Nominating Committee: Kitty read the report and the membership was asked if there were further nominations for officers, but there were none forthcoming. Fred reiterated that Alan Moulton has done a magnificent job getting the database in order and has done this for three years and needs to turn the job over to someone else. Alan is willing to mentor this person for the next year.

A motion was made and seconded and accepted by voice to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The Secretary did this and Past President Charles Tarbell swore in the officers following the procedures as established. The list of newly elected Officers is attached and the 6th and 7th VP positions are vacant. The new president, Fred Boyle was presented with the President's badge of Honor for the coming year and was handed the gavel of office.

Following a heartfelt acceptance speech that encouraged members to become engaged in the Society, Fred Boyle reported that the next Council meeting dates for PP will be on October 21st, 2012 and May 19th, 2013. Start time of the meetings will be 1:30PM at the Newcastle Congregational Church. Barbara Muir will check on securing the hall.

Chaplain Barbara Muir gave the benediction.

The Meeting was gaveled closed at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dennett (Acting Secretary)