

Milo Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2015

Members of the Milo Historical Society met for the monthly meeting at 7 PM at the museum. The meeting was called to order by society president, Gwen Bradeen. The first order of business was a reading of the minutes from the last meeting (July 23, 2015) by secretary Allen Monroe. Next was the treasurer's report by Paul Bradeen. Paul reported on the income from the second annual art show in July. Next was the curator's report by Virgil Valente and Joan Henderson. Joan has been very busy over the summer, working every week cataloging items and receiving new acquisitions.

The meeting was opened to old business with the following discussed:

- Second Annual Art Show: The art show was very well received, attended, and by all regards a success. We learned a lot from the change of venue and expansion.

Following are some of the suggestions:

Change the hours- make it earlier in the day and not as long

Consider whether or not to provide a lunch or simply refreshments

Consider applying an artist fee to participate

Further discussion will take place in planning for next year's show

- Status of Maine Community Foundation Grant: The items requested in the grant have been purchased- digital still camera, camcorder, and PastPerfect upgrade. The installation of internet service at the museum is on hold until we determine if it will be needed for the PastPerfect online component.

The meeting was opened to new business with the following discussed:

- The subject of considering the installation of a heat pump heating system was presented and discussed. There were many pros and cons presented with most of the discussion leaning strongly toward holding off on making any decisions for the coming year.
- Paul Bradeen reported that he had attempted to make contact with Joe McSwain, the contractor who did the paint job on the facade of the museum. The work has not held up to expectations and Mr. McSwain had indicated that he was in agreement to remedy our concerns. Mr. McSwain has not responded back to Paul's recent emails. Paul asked the membership for their recommendation on what direction to take on the matter. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should consider a letter from our lawyer to see if it would prompt movement from Mr. McSwain.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen C. Monroe

Secretary, Milo Historical Society