

**Milo Historical Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2015**

Members of the Milo Historical Society met for the monthly meeting at 7 PM at the home of Gwen and Paul Bradeen. 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 (January 15, 2015) by secretary Allen Monroe. Next was the treasurer's report by Paul Bradeen followed by the curator's report by Virgil Valente. Virgil has been busy over the winter at his home, scanning and cataloging items from the museum. He has been scanning, cataloging and organizing the documents and books that were located on the shelves behind the computer workstation in the workroom of the museum.

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

- A. Application to the Maine Community Foundation Grant: Allen Monroe reported that the grant has been submitted and now it is just a matter of waiting for the foundations decision, which should come in June.

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

- A. Gail LaValle presented money to the society from the sale of ephemera items that had no connection to Milo. She reported that we have a book on President Lincoln that may have some value and she offered to get the book appraised in the coming months
- B. Discussion was held on conducting a spring yard sale again this year. Joan Henderson and Gail LaValle volunteered to host the sale at their home once again. It was decided to hold the sale on Memorial Day weekend, May 22 and 23 with setup on May 21. Plans for the sale will be finalized at the society's next meeting.
- C. Extensive discussion was held on a proposed 2nd annual Art Show. Gwen Bradeen has had discussion with Suzette East and others who have expressed their willingness to assist with organizing and conducting the show. Gwen presented a number of ideas and concepts regarding the setup and format that the show might take. It was agreed by all present that it would be nice to conduct another show and that we should broaden the scope and presentation of the show. It was suggested that it would be better to have the show in a larger facility, such as the KIWANIS building and to include more artists from around the region. A number of ideas were shared including whether the show should be juried, whether there should be an admission charge for the public, the serving of refreshments and many other details. An agreed upon date was set for July 25. Gwen and others will make arrangements to visit the KIWANIS building and get an idea of the layout. Victoria Eastman agreed to work with Gwen and Suzette East on composing an artist application and Allen Monroe agreed to approach the Penquis Valley School art teacher to see about the possibility of having her art students create an advertising poster for the show. There will be many details to work out and Gwen agreed to organize a committee to get take managing the various tasks that will need to be addressed in the coming months.
- D. The next meeting of the historical society will be held at the museum on April 16 at 7 PM. Plans will be finalized for the May Yard Sale and the Art Show.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allen C. Monroe  
Secretary, Milo Historical Society