**Poland Historical Society Minutes**

**Meeting Date : April 14, 2022 7pm**

The meeting was conducted by Pat Moening, Treasurer.

Pat opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the Society's President, Sonny Chipman, who passed away on January 8, 2022. Pat paid tribute to Sonny and commented that "as long as I knew Sonny Chipman, he never said an unkind word about anyone".

ELECTION OF OFFICERS : Pat advised that the Society needs to select a new President, as well as update the slate of officers and directors. The Bylaws were reviewed and a discussion held. Jim Fernald proposed the following names for officers and directors of the Poland Historical Society :

President : Patrick Moening

Vice-President : Jim Fernald

Clerk : Becky Moening

Treasurer : John (Jack) Rozos

Historian : Steve Verrill

Directors : Louise Roberts, Fred Huntress, Gene Fuller

The proposal was accepted, voted upon and approved by the membership.

It was decided that two individuals have check signing authority on the Society's checking account at Northeast Bank. The new President and Treasurer will meet on April 18, 2022 to review financial records and IRS Form 990 filing requirements as well as updating the bank signature card.

EVENTS : A discussion was held regarding the type and frequency of public events sponsored by the Society.

The Historical Society will participate in the 13th annual Poland Heritage Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 10am-3pm.

Pat offered to conduct a Genealogy Workshop to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1pm.

It was suggested to reach out to other historical societies in the areas for guest speakers.

The Society should consider a cemetery tour in September - perhaps to Locust Cemetery or Pine Grove.

Questions were asked whether Poland students are taught Maine & local history. Mary-Beth Taylor offered to contact Poland Schools to get more information.

MUSEUM HOURS : The Schoolhouse Museum will be open to the public on Fridays in June, July & August from 12noon - 4pm.

Pat Moening, Jack Rozos & Louise Roberts volunteered to be available. The hours will be posted on Facebook and in other media.

OTHER BUSINESS : Pat advised that the Society received a donation of a 32' banner "FERNALD FOR GOVERNOR" from a man in Topsham. Bert Fernald of West Poland was successful in his 1908 campaign and served as Maine's 47th Governor from 1909 - 1911. A picture of the banner appears on our Facebook page. Display of the banner is being considered, with measures taken for its preservation.

It was suggested that an E-mail list be used to communicate to a larger group of Poland residents about the Historical Society and our events. The Rec Department has a large e-mail list. Perhaps, the list can be used for the Society's announcements.

Jim Walker pointed out that the Historical Society has several pages on the Town of Poland's website. It hasn't been updated as Facebook is the media presently used and kept current. The Historical Society also appears on the Committee Volunteer Form. Contact will be made with the Town Office to make necessary updates and changes.

NEXT MEETING : Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7pm