

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 3:11 PM by President Bryce Tanner, quorum verified.

Board Members Present: President Bryce Tanner, 2nd VP Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary Ken Miller, Webmaster Louis Silveira, Rhoads School Board Director Roberta Tanner, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon and Treasurer Jeanette Lawson. Facilities Director John Ross excused absence. Members @ meeting: Jim Entrican, Annaclare Entrican, Rosemarie Miller, Mary Bulford, Elaine Wright, Susan Hernandez and CSD Director Jim Luttrell.

Approval of Agenda: A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher with a second from Roberta Tanner to approve the Agenda for August 12, 2019. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a second was made by Jeanette Lawson to adopt the Minutes for July 8, 2019, as submitted. **The Motion passed.**

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None.

Appointments: See Board Positions under New Business

Treasurer's Report: Jim Entrican requested \$300 for expenses for Plow to Plate. Jeanette Lawson made a **Motion** and Dennis Buscher provided a second that \$300 be approved within the existing budget for Plow-to-Plate. **Motion passed.** Jeanette reported that \$7,000 was moved to Reese School Budget previously on July 8, 2019 for demolition. There was \$10,000 moved to the Foulks House Restoration Account, as well. Payments going out were \$15,360 as listed in the Treasurer's corrected budget. Income was \$5,000 less than last month. Real Estate Taxes were paid.

Shelly Maita donate \$100, connected with Wedding pictures at the Rhoads School. Tablecloths donations are pending. \$250 was donated to the Black Tie and Santa Event. A donation of \$7,500 was received for the Wightman Fund. Cindy is preparing a Thank you letter to the donor.

Jeanette requested the following payments be made: \$423.26 for electrical work. This should have been within the \$7,500 for the Foulks House Electrical Budget Permit as planned. A **Motion was made** by Dennis Buscher for an increase in electrical costs of \$4,000. Louie Silveira made the second. **Motion Passed. It was noted by Jeanette** if funding is spent for the Foulks House or other projects, please send her an email for tracking purposes.

Rhoads School Report: Fliers have been sent to the schools in the area (42 in Elk Grove and 31 out of district schools). There are now 56 classes from 21 schools already scheduled for next year with and expectation more classes will be scheduled. The first class is October 1, 2019 Three schools have requested scholarships. Last year there were 25 scholarships distributed. A scholarship is \$160/day to pay the Docent Instructors for each day of instruction. This is *not a donation for transportation* that has been *determined to be about \$250 each day for bus fuel and driver costs*. The **Plow-to-Plate shared Fundraiser is coming up**. Remaining windows at the school have been scheduled to be repaired August 14 & 15, 2019. John Ross is working on the fountain.

CSD Update-Jim Luttrell: Jim Luttrell reported that the Well Issue at the Rhoads School was still being reviewed for implementation. The proposed fence project was walked for possible fencing enlargement and sprinkler coverage. Two fir trees will remain within the expanded fence line. Two sides of the fencing will need to be moved. John Ross and Jim Luttrell will meet with Loren next Wednesday.

Facilities Manager Report- John Ross by Jim Entrican: **Foulks House:** The Foulks House upstairs flooring is out and stacked. Work is progressing on the south side.
Reese School: Work is on hold. John Ross is on vacation.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

Whitelock Interchange: Jim Entrican reported on the proposal. It was suggested that we wait until the New Year to contact the City again on the status of the project. Kevin Bruce with the City is working with CAL TRANS on the cost and options. Questions remain as to what agency should take the lead and who pays for improvements. More collective funding is required. The environmental review is in progress. The Elk Grove Historical Society should be contacted by the City Staff, as the Heritage Park Property will be affected. Information was shared about the pending Whitelock Interchange proposal.

Action: Dennis Buscher and Ken Miller are to contact the City on the status of the proposal after the New Year or earlier, if deemed necessary.

History Week Chamber Luncheon: Jim Entrican will speak at this year's Chamber of Commerce Meeting during History Week on Friday September 27th.

Strauss Festival: Thanks to those members who assisted with setting up for the festival and helping throughout the event. Members to be recognized are: Jim Entrican, Annaclare Entrican, Rosemarie Miller, Cindy Mahon, Dennis Buscher, Brad McVean, Elaine Wright, Bryce Tanner, Jordan Wilcox, Louie Silveira, Sean Westman and John Ross.

New Business:

Board Positions: 1st Vice President Tim Knox resigned from office for health reasons one month ago. The email sent did not get to Bryce Tanner for action by the Board in July. The Board accepted the resignation. **A motion was made by Dennis Buscher** and was **seconded by Cindy Mahon** that Rosemarie Miller be 1st Vice President for the remainder of the year. **Motion Passed.** Cindy Mahon and Rosemarie Miller acknowledged the service to the Historical Society by Tim Knox. The Board wishes Tim the best in the future.

Ball Room Display: It was discussed that the Ball Room will display Annabelle Gage Items. She was a well-known Historian in the area. The family will display handmade quilts and photos will be available too. She took an abundance of pictures and pictures of pictures to preserve history of Elk Grove. Dennis Buscher donated a second desk for the Ballroom.

Committee Reports:

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: Susan Hernandez: Docent Training was held and 9 members attended. February 2020 is the anticipated day to start the formal tours on 1st Saturdays. For trial runs, John Ross will start a program practice in September with tours at 1:30 and Bryce Tanner will provide a 2:30 pm tour. Dennis Buscher will provide trial tours on October 5 at 1:30 and 2:30 pm during the Pumpkin Festival. Docents for the tours may be in costume or wear Historical Society Tee Shirts or? Cindy Mahon will staff the museum on October 6th for the Pumpkin Festival coverage

Printer is failing: Need to consider replacement. It should print legal and standard paper and be commercial grade. Susan Hernandez stated they purchase a Brothers Printer for \$300 that does handle commercial printing. It was identified that an Ink Jet is preferred to a laser printer. The downstairs printer is a laser type. **A motion** was made by Jeanette Lawson and **seconded by Dennis Buscher** that they be on a committee including Louie Silveira and Susan Hernandez to explore what printer would be best for the Historical Society. Jim Entrican will send information on his printer that cost \$750 (laser type).

Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours: Cindy Mahon- The next trip is planned for Saturday October 12, 2019 to Sonoma. There will be guided tours of the Governor Vallejo property and home, as well as the old mission managed by the State of California. There are historic barracks to see, shopping to be had and many restaurants for everyone's enjoyment. There will be some entertainment on the bus. Coupons from the City welcoming office will help with wine tasting, chocolate tasting and other discounts.

Membership- Jim Entrican/Lorraine Croup: Jim said we have 3 new members: Martin and Alison Sadler and Joan Lane. Membership is now 321 members. Letters have been sent to 79 members to remind them of the dues due date.

Newsletter- Louis Silveira:

Louie is looking for biography introduction of candidates. The Newsletter is ready to go with History Week events. Flier distributed.

History Week: Planning is going well for the week. Meeting is set for 10:00 am August 13 for History Week.

Tickets are on the website/on line to purchase for all 3 History Week events. Pinkerton Picnic lunches must be purchased separately for adults and children.

Plow-To-Plate will have a more limited number of Complimentary Tickets. Need help with Tent set-up.

Webmaster- Louis Silveira: Website: Account # was changed.

Website Protection: A **motion was made** by Dennis Buscher and a **second was made by Ken Miller** to approve improving our website security by investing \$1,000 in back door and front door programs with Go Daddy. This is \$200 more than we currently pay.

Motion Passed.

Programs- Working on speakers. Arnie Zimbelman for September 16 and Roberta Tanner on Railroad Construction in October.

Black Tie and Santa: Donations for Silent Auction items are coming in.

Policies and Procedures: Deferred.

Troop 286: Deferred. Involved in Rhoads School fence project around wishing well.

Museum Events: Deferred

Early California Days: CCSD Community Support Program Applications (Grant) was approved by the CCSD Board. Information to follow.

Communications:

Announcements

Membership Meetings: 6:30 pm, Presbyterian Church, 3rd Monday (9/16 & 10/21)

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: 12-4pm, First Saturdays (9/7 & 10/5))

Board Meetings: 3 pm, Second Mondays (9/9, 10/14, 11;11))

History Week: Plow to Plate Dinner (9/21 evening),

Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation Performance – Irene West (9/22)

Pinkerton Picnic in the Park (9/22),

Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery Tour (9/23),

Franklin Cemetery Tour (9/24),

Rhoads School Tour (9/25)

Elk Grove Old Town Walking Tour (9/26),

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – Jim Entrican Speaker (9/27)

Mahon Ranch Hops and Brew fest (9/28)

Lorraine's Historic Bust Tour to Sonoma (10/12)

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm