

## Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00 PM by President Bryce Tanner, quorum verified.

**Board Members Present:** President Bryce Tanner, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tim Knox, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dennis Buscher, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon, Recording Secretary Ken Miller, Webmaster, Louis Silveira, Facilities Director John Ross, Rhoads School Board Director Roberta Tanner and Treasurer Jeanette Lawson. Members @ meeting: Jim Entrican, Annaclare Entrican, Mary Bulford, Susan Saner and Rosemarie Miller.

**Approval of Agenda:** Two items were added to the agenda: Email vote on charge card and Linda Mae Mahon Lema update on History Week. **Motion** by Dennis Buscher and second by Tim Knox to adopt the Agenda, as amended. **Motion passed.**

**Historic Podcast:** Podcast was not played. They will not be played due to current access to new recordings and the length of podcasts.

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** to approve April 11, 2019 Minutes, as submitted, was made by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Tim Knox. **Motion** passed. For the minutes, an **email vote** was held to purchase the square to allow credit card purchases to be made through Historical Society equipment. **Motion passed** unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** Eagle Scout Troop #286 Leader Tim Hill requested the Historical Society Sponsor the Troop for \$40.00 annually. The Eagle Scout Troops do not discriminate, pay their own dues and meet weekly (Tuesdays from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm) dependent on weather. Meetings are generally outside (our yard), but other offsite inside meeting space is used in cold weather. The Troop is undergoing a charter change that is to be completed in November. There will be a limited contractual relationship established. Adult leaders must be approved by the Sponsor. Historical Society member Sunnie Prasad is active in the Troop. The Troop is looking for a place to park a 6 X 10 enclosed trailer w/camping gear. This could be in Heritage Park or possibly the Mahon Ranch. The Troop can be called upon to assist the Society with events and work projects: parking, projects, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays and future membership. A **Motion** by Ken Miller and seconded by Jeanette Lawson was made to sponsor the Eagle Scout Troop. **Motion Passed** unanimously.

**Appointments:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeanette Lawson reported there was about a \$25,000 difference between this month's report and the one for April. We paid \$3,900 for another fire

resistant ten, while the Spring Tea was being planned with increased revenue. We finished our taxes. We paid \$133.00 for the store and Charitable Trust (\$75.00). Our Fiscal Year is now from January 1 through December 31 each year. It will stop splitting budgets between two calendar years. There was a cost of \$200 to make this change. Total tax preparation costs were \$992.00. Last year taxes were about \$800.00. Two sets of taxes had to be prepared for the calendar year change. Sales tax for the store operation will be paid after July 1.

Jeanette proposed to combine the Operating Account and the Restoration Account into one account. This helps with an increase of money market interest from .02 to =1.2%, but also helps the Treasurer with charges. The Operating account will be eliminated and would be merged with the Restoration Account, as an Operating & Restoration Account. The old account will remain open for two months for any late account items.

**Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a second by Tim Knox to combine the General Operating Account with the General Restoration Account and eliminate the old Operating Account. **Motion passed.**

Bills to pay: Jim Entrican requested the Society to pay 25% of the cost of a laser printer, as he prints so much Historical Society documents at home. The cost of the printer was \$721.33 and he requests \$180.00. He will go to the Native Sons for another 25%. **Motion** by Dennis Buscher and second by Jeanette Lawson to reimburse Jim Entrican \$180.00 of the printer purchase price. **Motion passed.**

**Rhoads School Report:** One class was cancelled. The week of June 3 is the date to have a window installed at the school. John and Dennis will evaluate the work. If it is acceptable, all windows will be repaired. Classes end in three weeks. We have one new teacher for Rhoads school that will be retiring this year and helping us. Ten classes have already been scheduled for the next school year. Chris Lombardo with No Moss, wants to clean the outside of the school. It has been requested to have Rhoads School open on Saturday and Sunday during the Western Festival. **Motion by** (Dennis Buscher?) and second by (Louie Silveira?) to have the School open on both Saturday and Sunday. **Motion passed.** The hours of operation will be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Docents and Firestarter Potluck will be June 10, 2019 at the Rhoads School. Bring food. Contact Susan Hernandez.

We received a \$5,000 grant for education from Lyons Real Estate. The grant will be shared equally between the Rhoads School and the Historical Society programs.

A request was made for approval of another well water pump at a cost of \$70.00 for Rhoads School. **Motion** was made by Tim Knox and seconded by Cindy Mahon to purchase the pump. **Motion Passed.**

**CSD Update-Jim Luttrell:** No Report

**Facilities Manager Report:** John Ross. **Reese School:** Businesses do not want to do dismantling of buildings. Demolition is the work they do. One bidder proposed a charge of \$23,000 to demolish the school. No decision at this time.



**Foulks House:** Aaron, who does electrical work for the Historical Society, will need help with the electrical because he is busy.

An old sign (bronze) was found behind the jail. It reads Elk Grove Grammar School. It could be installed on or by the restrooms, possibly on a sign like that at the flagpole.

Bells: two bells are in the dirt and will be cleaned and mounted near the Reese School.

Dennis Buscher has a bell at his home that came from an Elk Grove School, presented to us by Bob Fife years past. It is on the ground - needs to be brought to Heritage Park.

Suggestions have been made to have playground equipment placed behind the jail.

This could be swings, teeter-totter, etc. This type of equipment could eventually go where the Reese School is located?

Big Oak Nursery will be contacted for plants for Heritage Park, when they are ready for planting and in stock.

Grist Mill: Perhaps a buggy or some attraction could be placed there to draw visitors to view the mill. Perhaps a bench could be installed?

#### **Unfinished (Old) Business:**

**Additional Charge Card:** One more charge card machine is needed for event operations. The cost is \$399.00 to \$425.00 with tax? This will help with Christmas, the store and all events. **Motion** by Ken Miller and second by Cindy Mahon to purchase a second charge card machine for \$425.00. **Motion Passed.**

**NEW CSD AGREEMENTS:** Ken Miller reported that all new CSD agreements have four new items that need to be considered when CSD property or equipment is used. They are as follows: (Staff Report was provided)

1. The Elk Grove Police Department may require security for events.
2. The Elk Grove Fire Department may require an assembly fee, an inspection and an application for events.
3. The County of Sacramento Department of Environmental Health may require a permit for events with food planned.
4. An event may need to have on-site medical personnel for on-site emergencies.

Note: The CSD is notifying the 3 departments above that an organization is having an event per an agreement and that their departments may be contacted for permits and or inspections.

This was first noticed a week before the Spring Tea. All 3 departments were contacted by staff. The Police Department did not require security. The Fire Department required an application, but there was no fee for a permit or an inspection. The Department of Environmental Health required a permit, but waived the fee for a permit. They did not plan an inspection due to many large-scale events occurring in the County.

**It is recommended** that we plan on contacting these departments in the future. The risk with not making the contacts is future CSD Agreements may not be approved.

A protocol will be created to assist Historical Society Staff with how to make these contacts prior to the event. The Department of Environmental Health Services requires all food permit applications be in their office 14 days prior to an event.

### **New Business**

**Soliciting New Volunteers:** Docent Training: Send potential names of volunteers to Susan Hernandez. August or September will be when training will be held at the museum. Consider some type of historical clothing for participation, not required.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Early California Days:** Ken Miller. The ECD Event had a Gross Income of \$9,922.00. The Gross Expenses were \$8,699.33. The Net Income was \$1,222.67. We are expecting to receive a City grant for \$3,000 for ECD 2020. We have submitted a Community Services Program Application with the CSD for ECD 2020. The approvals are not expected until the last week of May or first week of June. A critique was held with 15 people participating. The CSD supports more musket shots and times, including volleys (simultaneous shots). They are not indicating an approval of cannon fire at this time. This will be discussed in a small committee meeting with CSD. March 28=March 30, 2020 is the primary date for next year's event. The CSD does not appear favorable to a first week of June or a last week of May due to the pool being open at Rhoads School.

**Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours:** Rosemarie Miller/Cindy Mahon. The trip to Locke had 38 people sign-up to attend. The event was very successful and travelers had fun. There was a guided tour around the main street and a speaker in the Boarding House at the end of the trip that spoke about Locke in the 70s. 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.

**Big Day of Giving:** Dennis Buscher. We had 100% Board Participation. Income was \$12,600. This included \$7,600 donations and \$5,000 Grant from Lyons Real Estate. We had 85 donors and only 2 glitches that were corrected. We had several City Council Members that made donations. The grant will be shared equally between the Rhoads School and the Historical Society.

**Yard Sale:** Dennis Buscher. Start bringing items to the museum on the specific days. June is right around the corner.

**Estate Sale:** Dennis Buscher. The sale is scheduled for May 17, 18 and 19. Address will be given the last day prior to the event. The property is in the Laguna/Franklin Area. Millstone in South Franklin. There is much Jewelry with significant value. \$2,000 has already been sold. We need about 5 people to work each day.

**Museum Parking Lot Reservation:** Dennis Buscher. The parking lot will be reserved on May 27 for the cemetery tours parking.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tours:** Susan Hernandez. See New Business.



**Membership-** Jim Entrican/Lorraine Croup: Jim presented a list of 9 new members. Membership Dues were summarized on the back of the report.

**Spring Tea:** Susan Hernandez. The food was good. Vicky Moore had about 30 students for serving. Pizza was late, but will be corrected. 214 tickets were sold. 28 tables were filled. Ardent Magazine representatives were invited as our guests. Ticket sales were \$8,600. A critique will be held this week.

**Events @ the Museum-Monica Ross:** **Ice Cream Social 1st Saturday** will be held June 1 only (Yard sale collections that day too). Charge will be \$5.00 for Children and \$2.00 for adults. There will be kid's events: Fake hairspray, Face painting, activities and ice cream, plus house tour. Need to add signage for this event.

**Newsletter- Louis Silveira:**

History Week: Reminders for Plow to Plate, Pinkerton Picnic in the Park, LMML Event, Brewfest and other activities will be posted for members in the Newsletter. Louie needs information on all the events (times, food, etc.) **Due before Mid-June would be helpful.** Louie will then have time to print fliers, posters, cards or more. No General Session Presentations will be scheduled for July or August. Louie will receive information for speakers in September and October, when it is available.

**Webmaster- Louis Silveira:** Spring Tea photos are on the website. Other pictures can be posted, if members provide them to Louie. Archiving: Received a donation from Richard Gage (his mother Anabell Gage). Things are going well with 3 goals.

**Programs-** Tim Knox: Working on speakers for September and October.

**Gift Shop-** Julie Deavers/Sue Saner. The squares work great!

**Communications**

Elaine Wright was in the hospital for overnight. She returned home to recuperate.

**Announcements**

Estate Sale: May 17-19 (address posted May 16 on website)

Memorial Day Ceremony: 10 am, EG Historic Cemetery (8540 EG Blvd) (5/20)

Membership Meetings: 6:30 pm, Presbyterian Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (5/20 & 6/17)

Ice Cream Social at the Museum (6/1)

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: 12-4pm, First Saturdays (6/1, 7/6 & 8/3)

Board Meetings: 3 pm, Second Mondays (6/10, 7/8, 8/12)

Massive Yard Sale: June 14-16 from 8 am-3 pm, Museum

Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours: To Sonoma October 12, 2019.

Annual Yard Sale: June 14-16<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Park

**History Week:** Plow to Plate Dinner (9/21 evening), LMML Event (9/22)

Pinkerton Picnic in the Park (9/22), Sloughhouse Cemetery Tour (9/23),

Franklin Cemetery Tour (9/24), Elk Grove Old Town Tour (9/25),

Mahon Ranch Hops and Brew fest (9/28)

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm?**