

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019

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

Board Members Present: President Bryce Tanner, 2nd VP Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary Ken Miller, Webmaster Louis Silveira, Facilities Director John Ross, Rhoads School Board Director Roberta Tanner and Treasurer Jeanette Lawson. 1st Vice President Tim Knox and Corresponding Secretary Cindy Mahon excused absence. Members @ meeting: Jim Entrican, Annaclare Entrican, Mary Bulford and Rosemarie Miller. CSD Board Member Jim Luttrell. Guests: CSD Staff Louren Kotow and Kenneth Glendinning.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was passed/approved, as submitted, by a vote called by the President. There was **no official Motion or a Second to approve the Agenda.**

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: The Minutes were passed/approved by a vote called by the President with one correction. Roberta Tanner stated that only one water pump was purchased for the Rhoads School, not two. **No Motion or Second to approve the minutes was made for the May 1, 2019 Minutes.**

Public Comment: CSD Staff Louren Kotow gave a quick report on the CSD operations. The CSD Budget is very tight this year. Some negotiations are still proceeding. The request to include the wishing well within the Rhoads fencing will require moving two fences (South and West sides). It will require the sprinkler supply line and sprinklers to be moved because the fence will block the spray. John Ross, Roberta Tanner and Louie Silveira will meet with Louren after they prepare a plan for the proposed changes.

Presentations: None.

Appointments: The Policies and Procedures Chairperson will be Ken Miller.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson reported that the transfer of the **old** "Operating Account" into the **new** "Operating Account" was completed. The old "Operating Account" will be held open for about 6 months to allow any current transactions to be completed.

A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a **Second** made by Roberta Tanner, to transfer \$30,000 out of the General Operating Fund to the General Restoration Account to bring the Foulks House Budget to \$91,000. **Motion Passed.**

The Property Tax Bill for the Brown Property of \$4,070 was lowered to \$2,360.50. A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a **Second** was made by Ken Miller, to pay the Property Tax Bill. **Motion passed.**

The Estate Sale (Kate Scott?) Grossed \$8,746. The Historical Society received \$4,373. A **Motion** was made by John Ross and a **Second** made by Roberta Tanner to reimburse \$200 for Estate Sale Expenses. **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a **Second** was made by John Ross to pay \$412.17 to Pitt Printing for approximately 2,000 envelopes (Staples 2X as much). **Motion passed.**

Rhoads School Report: One Window at the school was repaired and it has an old lock. It worked fine. Other windows will be repaired the same way. More old locks will be needed – perhaps Restoration Hardware on line.

Classes are now completed. The last Friday class was cancelled.

The Firestarter/Docent lunch meeting went well.

We have a new docent. We have 20 classes scheduled already for October.

1st Saturday Open House activities will stay at the museum. The School will not have activities. Children's Activities may include: Branding on wood, as done in Coloma.

Wayne Gallup suggested a Brand for the Society. Letter punching/stamping. Activities could be for the Western and Harvest Festivals or the Pinkerton Picnic.

We received a donation from the Ellen Rosa's daughter – a bridle from Jared Sheldon and it has a brand.

[NOTE FROM LAST MONTH: It was 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.]

CSD Update-Jim Luttrell: See Public Comments.

Facilities Manager Report- John Ross: **Foulks House:** The Electrical Permit was obtained at a cost of \$426.00 (From Foulks House Restoration Budget). Foulks House Restoration Plans have been approved. John Ross will develop a timeline for taking siding off and costs for the installing of siding on the east side with "Square Nails". ADA ramp- cutout forms are ready.

Reese School: Only one call back was received for demolition. Repurposing Wood companies were non responsive. **Bid 1** proposed a **charge of \$23,500** to dismantle, as much as possible, and demolish the rest. **Bid 2** proposed **\$17,200** to just crush with a tractor. **Bid 3 for \$10,000 would be doing the work ourselves.** We would like to repurpose the front and save it for the future. David Chalmers idea to have dumpsters on site. Drop the walls. Stack the lumber in the dumpsters with laborers – cut as needed.

ACTION: John to take off the front, then see what is left and which way we should consider spending the budget. 1. \$10,000 or 2. \$17,200. Do we borrow a tractor from Tom Mahon? Do we need another demolition permit? Probably not, as the Reese School was under a demolition permit when moved – it does not exist as a useable building today. No funding will be spent before the July Board Meeting. No decision at this time.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

Soliciting Docents for Museum Tours: Susan Hernandez. Lead Docents are as follows: Ken Miller for July; Tim Knox for August; and John Ross for September. October Festival (2 days): Rhoads School to be open both days. Susan Hernandez will take one day and Dennis Buscher will do the other.

Pinkerton Picnic: Need people to volunteer.

Docent Training will be in August at the museum from 11am to 3 pm. Participants are: Dennis, Tim, Roberta, John, Ken, Bryce, Jeanette, Cindy and others? The goal is to eventually advertise Tours on 1st Saturday from 1:30 with 6 to 8 guests on the private tour. Plan is to start the new Tour concept in September or October.

Spring Tea: Spring Tea went well. A final copy of the Budget was distributed. We will probably have 26 Tables next Year. We will need to provide more spacing between tables and utilize the sidewalk by the Gazebo.

New Business

Policies and Procedures. See Appointments. Members of the Policies and Procedures Committee are Ken Miller, Pam Phelps, Cindy Mahon, Louie Silveira, Rosemarie Miller and Dennis Buscher? A meeting will be scheduled for August/September.

Committee Reports:

Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours: Rosemarie Miller- 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.

Yard Sale: Dennis Buscher. Everything is set-up and we are good to go after final sorting. FYI: The Catholic Church facility was broken into during their yard sale. Many hits on Facebook this year.

Membership- Jim Entrican/Lorraine Croup: Jim said we have 2 new members. Membership is now 319 members. Still checking on dues not paid for last few years.

Newsletter- Louis Silveira:

The Newsletter is ready to go.

History Week: Meetings are set for 10:00 am June 18 and August 13 for History Week. It is coordinated with and on the City Calendar.
Need to confirm the date for the Hops Fest.

Webmaster- Louis Silveira:

The website was insecure and shut down by Google. We had Express Security installed in 2017 with Go Daddy. We had multiple hack attempts. Malware was discovered and removed. It took nine actions to remove the material. Access was denied for a while through Go Daddy. We are secure once again.
Information about the local Miwok people are now on the website.

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

Gift Shop- Julie Deavers/Sue Saner. Have a new cash drawer!

Communications: Kevin Peters, ABC This Wednesday will be in the 95624 area of Elk Grove to look for Historic Places. He is to do TV at the Museum – pumping water?

Announcements

Membership Meetings: 6:30 pm, Presbyterian Church, 3rd Monday (6/17)

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: 12-4pm, First Saturdays (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

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 4:38 pm