

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019

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

Board Members Present: President Bryce Tanner, 1st VP Rosemarie Miller, 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 and Facilities Director John Ross. Members @ meeting: Jim Entrican, Annaclare Entrican, Mary Bulford and CSD Director Jim Luttrell.

Approval of Agenda: A **Motion** was made by Ken Miller with a second from Jeanette Lawson to approve the Agenda for October 14, 2019. **Motion passed.**

An email vote was held between the September Board Meeting and the October Board Meeting to approve \$750.00 to finish landscape work. **Motion passed** 8 yes to 1 abstention.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and a second was made by Rosemarie Miller to adopt the Minutes for September 9, 2019, as submitted. **The Motion passed.**

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None.

Appointments: None.

CSD Update- Jim Luttrell reported that the CSD Attorney rendered a preliminary opinion pertaining to imminent domain procedures. The opinion offered is that one public agency cannot impose imminent domain upon another public agency. This opinion has an effect on the proposed Whitelock Interchange. The City would not be able to impose imminent domain upon the CSD land that the museum is on. The County land south of the museum property would need the County to approve any land required for the interchange. Imminent Domain should not be used as a means to take requested land for the project.

New Business

Tabletop Advertising- Dennis Buscher. Discussion was held on our feature in the 3-fold booklet program for restaurants. The cost is \$399 for the year. Some restaurants include Mike's Diner, Baguettes and more. **Motion** was made by Ken Miller and second was by Jeanette Lawson. **Motion passed.**

Reese School Replacement Project Options: Dennis Buscher presented a need to find some replacement project that would be historically significant to Elk Grove. There are some funds available and other options for reconsideration. Tax implications would need to be considered. Jim Entrican suggested a replica barn like the one that originally was on site. We do have a barn already. Historically farms/ranches had multiple buildings and barns. We should not spend money for plans until we have funding and a funding plan. Check if the plan is feasible in 5 years or so. **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to have Pressey do a feasibility study at no cost to the Historical Society. **Motion passed** unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

History Week: Plow to Plate netted \$1,327.29 w/o the City Grant included (Jim verify).

City needs to be contacted to release the approved grant money - Jim to complete.

Pinkerton Picnic was not successful: poor attendance, mostly volunteers, scouts, Lions Club, other workers and 5 guests to receive a trophy. The Blacksmith Shop was a success for demonstrations at the picnic. Cemetery tours were ok. The LMML was successful as a big event. The Mahon Ranch Hops Fest was successful. Some say a C+ grade for the whole week was appropriate.

Concerns: Who is in charge of the week's activities? The Historical Society and especially Louie Silveira appears to be in the lead. The original idea presented by David Lema was to have Resolutions from government and non-profits to identify History Week with the hope it would continue on an annual basis. Cemeteries did not adopt proclamations, but do participate. Informally, it now seems the coordination is the responsibility of the Historical Society to coordinate with help from the City. Plow to Plate was held too close to competing events. Eight Days of activities seems a lot to manage. The events are a big job for our Treasurer, as we are collecting the funds for all that are credit card related. There is a 3 percent charge per credit card charge made. Originally, more boards were to be involved.

Do we want to continue Plow to Plate and who will organize it? Consider a wine and cheese event??

Do we want to continue in History Week?

Do we focus on children's activities? Do we try to get school participation?

Do we wish to continue the Pinkerton Picnic? Who will organize it?

Too many fundraising events in the same week makes it difficult to compete.

Should the Brew Fest be moved back to another Saturday? The Mahon Ranch did make a \$1,000 donation to the Historical Society and to the LMML Foundation.

Should we meet with LMML Foundation to discuss the future?

A committee should be formed for further exploration. Those that may be asked to serve on the committee could be Dennis Buscher, Ken Miller, Cindy Mahon, Roberta Tanner, Louie Silveira, Rosemarie Miller and you???? Meet in January 2020.

FYI: Brewfest Charges were \$2,221 by the day of the event. Cindy and Jeanette agreed there should be a balance sheet for the Brew Fest. Should the Brew Fest be the first week of History Week. A **Motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and seconded by

Rosemarie Miller to pay the Mahon Ranch \$1,221.52 for the Brewfest from moneys collected. **Motion passed.**

Welcoming New Members: John Ross asked to defer this item to the Policies and Procedures Committee. Wayne Gallup has expressed an interest in starting a trial program with new members once he has information from the Membership Chair.

Elections Committee - Jim Entrican: The 1st draft of our Ballot was presented. A second final ballot will be presented in November. Rosemarie Miller will contact Ray Bayles to confirm we will meet at his business for our General Session in November.

Treasurer's Report:

An additional transfer of \$10,000 was made to the Foulks Fund. \$43,000 is still owed on the Foulks House Restoration. \$1,442 will be reimbursed to the Historical Society from AlWest Bus lines because the Historical bus tour to Sonoma was cancelled due to fire danger and power shut-off.

The old Operating Account will be closed. It will be a combined Operations/Restoration Account. It is a money market account.

Jim Entrican spent \$212.94 for landscape and wheel barrow. Dennis Buscher made a **motion** and Cindy Mahon seconded to pay this bill. **Motion Passed.** A cannon printer was to be purchased for \$393.28. Motion made by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Ken Miller to complete this purchase. **Motion Passed.** Consider having Amazon Smiles on their account.

Rhoads School Report:

There are 28 schools that applied to the living history program. Ten are from within EGUSD and 18 are out of our district. We have 76 classes from those schools. (41 from within EGUSD and 35 out of district). The Rhoads School Board approved 23 Scholarships for the 2019-2020 School year. There is some vandalism going on at the school – John is addressing this issue. The Plow to Plate Dinner did not earn any funds for the Schools (We will have a final accounting). The classroom heater will not be used until January 2020.

Facilities Manager Report- John Ross by Jim Entrican: **Foulks House:** The Foulks House is having the floors stripped. today and tomorrow. Sheet rock will be the next phase.

An Eagle Scout will be working on a border around the Grist Mill. There will be a space for the bells. A student scout will be working on another Bell project.

Committee Reports:

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: Cindy Mahon staffed the museum on October 6th for the Pumpkin Festival coverage. We also staffed on Sunday October 7. We had 179 people come through the museum on Sunday and 100 plus on Saturday.

Newsletter- Louis Silveira:

Newsletter will have mostly bios for candidates. Computers are working well. Minutes are now online.

Bounty on the Boulevard needs a site for 150 to 300 people and are considering our facility. It will not be possible at our facility.

Archives have a 16 mm projector now that was donated by Russ Oase.

Webmaster- Louis Silveira: Website security is running well. A new menu has been added: Calendar, Minutes of Board Meetings, Docent calendar of assignments, Japanese internment, Stagecoach Driver Charley Parkhurst and photos of Plow to Plate, Pinkerton Picnic plus Blacksmith Shop.

Programs- Working on Arnie Zimbelman and Roberta Tanner powerpoints.

Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours: Cindy Mahon/Rosemarie Miller- The bus trip to Sonoma was cancelled due to fire weather and PG& E power shutdown. Sonoma was on generators and the town looked like a ghost town. The AlWest bus company will return the funds paid to them by the Historical Society. The trip will be rescheduled in 2020.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Gearing up for the holiday season. Worked all day last Saturday and Sunday (12 hour and 10-hour days). Organizing Lights, bulbs etc. in named tubs. Decorator meeting scheduled. Fliers ordered. Post Cards printed too. Start Saturday for decorating. Docents and volunteers are needed to work during the 3 weeks. Sign-up. Contact Pam Phelps. Santa photos will be \$20 each pose.

A **Motion** by Ken Miller and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to have the Bear returned to the Native Sons. **Motion passed** with 8 yes and 1 no vote.

Black Tie and Santa: Event is December 19, 2019 from 6 to 9 pm at the museum for members and guests. Limited number of tickets available. Donations for Silent Auction items are coming in.

Museum Housekeeping: A **motion** was made by Dennis Buscher and was seconded by Ken Miller to have the house cleaned professionally one time per year after Christmas. **Motion Passed.**

Policies and Procedures: The committee has met twice already on possible changes.

Early California Days: Will be contacting Sutter's Fort for assistance with the event to be held March 27, 28 & 29, 2020.

Membership: Information is on the roster.

Communications: There was a possible loan of a brass bed for the Foulks House- Roberta Tanner. McConnell Station was at Grantline and 99 on the West side at West Stockton Blvd.

Announcements

Membership Meetings: 6:30 pm, Presbyterian Church, 3rd Monday (10/21 & 11/18)

Museum and Rhoads School Tours: 12-4pm, None until February

Board Meetings: 3 pm, Second Mondays (11/11 & 12/9)

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm