

Elk Grove Historical Society Board Minutes

November 13, 2017

Call to Order/Roll Call: President, Ken Miller-excused, 1st Vice President- Tim Knox, 2nd Vice Pres.- Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary-Carol Dunkel, Corresponding Secretary-Cindy Mahon, Treasurer-Jeanette Lawson, Rhoads School Director-Roberta Tanner, Webmaster-Louis Silveria, Facilities Manager-Jim Entrican

Additional Items and Adoption of the Agenda: none added, Motion to adopt agenda, Cindy Mahon. The second was made by Jeanette Lawson. Agenda adopted

Public Comments: none

Presentations: Judy Cantorna Tafoya, President of Elk Grove's The Arts Advocacy Project, (TAAP) gave a presentation and handout about their organization. She considers the Museum a form of art. She invited the Museum to be on the Arts BEAT activity calendar in March. The consensus of the Board was a willingness to participate.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes to the September Board meeting were amended after the October Board meeting. There were no amendments made to the October minutes. Jim Entrican made the motion to accept the amendments for the September minutes and approve the October minutes as written. Jeanette Lawson made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson: see Report handout including Rhoads School Account. After all bills are paid, a check for the Newsletter to Jim Entrican for \$328.68. Dennis Buscher made the motion to pay the newsletter bill. Jim Entrican made the second to the motion. The motion passed. Jeanette wants to discuss the high cost of the newsletter. Louis Silveria said, to get a bulk rate for postage we need 300 or else we would have to pay full postage which would cost more than the bulk rate. Louis will investigate the newsletter being delivered by email only. He was not sure that everyone has access to an email.

Jim Entrican wants to buy a tool display from an estate collection, for the blacksmith shop. The cost would be about \$300, originally the person selling the collection wanted \$500, but Jim talked her down to \$300. Dennis Buscher made the motion to authorize Jim to buy the collection. Roberta Tanner made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

Rhoads School Update: Roberta Tanner: The porch rails are being removed tomorrow while there are no classes scheduled for a while.

Louis reported there are 75-80 classes booked in so far this year. Frances Fife passed away.

Susan Hernandez would like the Historical Society's web site to link to Rhoads School History. Louis said he will work on the web link, may need Barbara to show him how.

Jim Luttrell our CDS representative commented that he saw new windows for Rhoads School on the park's agenda. Roberta wants Rhoads School added to the swimming pool sign.

CDS Update: Jim Luttrell- he said the only thing he had to report was seeing the new windows for Rhoads School on the park's agenda.

Unfinished (Old) Business

- Patio Construction Projected Completion Date: Jeanette Lawson- it is complete except for needing gutters. It has been paid except for \$2,000 to make sure everything gets done. Jim Entrican has purchased a large brown plastic sheet for \$49 to enclose the patio side. Jeanette suggested that Jim purchase two or three more to enclose it for the Christmas Season. Jeanette made a motion to budget \$200 for the sheeting. Dennis Buscher made the second to the motion. The motion passed. Jim had a Quote to stain the patio wood, from **Him and Her Painting**. The total cost for labor and materials \$1,200. He had a post with stain samples. The consensus was for the redwood stain color. Dennis said that he and a friend will do the staining for \$300. Jeanette Lawson made the motion to approve \$700 for stain and other needs to Dennis to stain the patio. Cindy Mahon made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- 1st Saturdays Tours-none: closed for Christmas Decorating
- Propane Heater purchases: Jim Entrican: They have been purchased, paid and are on site.
- Wedding Pictures/Events Contract Review pending: no report
- Revolutionary War Encampment meeting with police department: Jim Entrican- he said we needed to choose a name for the event, he had a suggested list. The Board chose 1776 Revolutionary War Encampment. (A later email from Jim that he had modified the name.)
- Elections 11-20. Ballot in Newsletter. Voting at Old Town Creations: Lorraine Croup- she was pleased that so many mail in ballots had been received.
- Store help and training meeting: **Need instructors**. We will try to get Barbara to come down to train people. Julie Deaver was a person named who is interested in running the store.
- Update for holidays: Cindy Mahon-she felt it was a mistake to just put the decorations out for any decorator to take them. Some people who had decorated last year were disappointed that their decorations had been taken. Any decorations that were purchased from the \$100 per room budgets need to be left for next year. Some decorators used their own things. Cindy will be on site every day that we are open. Susan Hernandez passed out a schedule of people working as docent/security.
- Tent Purchase Plan Proposal, one per year. One tent will share costs with Rhoads School, will be first one purchased.
- Moving Organ to Foulks House: Jim Entrican- the organ is not being moved.
- Paranormal Recordings set for February 10. Participants: Dennis Buscher, Brookelea Lutton, Rosemarie Miller and Cindy Mahon with Ken Miller as an alternate, will provide Security.
- 40 blankets for children/adults waiting for photos with Santa, have been purchased and stored in the basement by Rosemarie Miller.

New Business

- Consider a budget and to purchase Christmas Decorations for inside and outside (after Christmas Sales). The Board felt that indoor decorations weren't needed but we need trees and lights and other outdoor decorations that are getting shabby looking. Dennis Buscher

made the motion to authorize Jim to spend up to \$500 to replace outside decorations. Jeanette Lawson made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

- Temporary patio enclosure: See action in Patio Completions, Unfinished Business.
- Newly Elected Board Workshop to be held second or third week in January.

Committee Reports

- Membership: Lorraine Croup-two new members Jim and Linda Luttrell
- Historic Bus Tours: Lorraine Croup/Carol Dunkel-Carol reported that we have until Nov. 22 to pay for or cancel our tour to the Poinsettia Nursery and the McHenry Mansion scheduled for Dec. 6. Tickets are somewhat slow.
- Newsletter: Louis Silveira- see discussion in Treasurer's Report
- Webmaster: Louis Silveira-no report
- Programs for General meetings: Tim Knox-Nov. election, Dec. no meeting, Jan. Dennis Buscher will speak on the History of Franklin.
- Old Fashioned Christmas: Cindy Mahon-**Don't change room decorations** when the decorations are taken down items from each room will be put in tubs/boxes to be returned to the same room next year. We have eight new decorators this year.
- Black Tie and Santa: Jeanette Lawson-we need to sell 30 more tickets.
- Foulks House: Jim Entrican-has the completed Architectural Plans.
- Brown Property Update: Dennis Buscher-the title is clear. The property needs an appraisal, the one half acre land is more valuable than the house.
- Nominations Committee: Lorraine Croup-See Report in Unfinished Business.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn was made by Carol Dunkel. Cindy Mahon made the second. The meeting was adjourned.