

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting  
October 8, 2018

Present: Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican, Tim Knox, Jeanette Lawson, Jim Luttrell, Cindy Mahon, Ken Miller, Louis Silveira. Absent: Roberta Tanner.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Jeanette Lawson (as amended). Second by Dennis Buscher. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Historic Podcast: None

Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2018 sent out September 17, 2018. Minor correction. Motion by Dennis Buscher. Second by Tim Knox. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Treasurers Report:

- No major changes from prior month Treasurers Report.
- Question from Dennis Buscher. General Fund? Plow to Plate receipts are in General Fund. Expenses not paid out at this time.
- Cement re-titled Landscaping on Treasurers Report in accordance with question by Dennis Buscher and answered by Jim Entrican.
- Motion by Dennis Buscher (approve Treasurers Report as amended). Second by Tim Knox. Above discussion. Approved unanimously.

Rhoades School:

- Plow to Plate was Rhoades School Fundraiser.
- Twenty – four scholarships were approved.
- Standard scholarship requests are two per school. Increased this year due to limited number of requests.
- \$3,840.00 spent on scholarships.
- Balance left is \$1,286.60.
- Updated handbooks and teachers guidebooks.
- October 13, 2018 John Ross and crew will chop wood for Rhoades School.
- Original gate to Rhoades School was found. Initially looking forward to receipt of gate, that has now changed.
- Concern expressed as to windows. Ken Miller report. Sent and receive Email from Joshua Green. Windows are in budget for this year. Joshua Green and Priscilla Oliver will be at the November EGHS Board meeting. Windows are to be re – glazed, sashes repaired to make them as leak proof as possible and old windows to be kept, per Jim Entrican. No locks on windows, raised by Ken Miller. Current locks do not work. Locks to be placed on windows when complete, per Jim Entrican. Further discussion as to leaking windows during winter, if not repaired by this winter.
- No power in schoolhouse, per John Ross. Power was cut off to building, per Jim Entrican. Discussion as to electric heaters in back of school. Stove originally in center of school, now moved to corner of school. Creating above condition, cold in back of school. Future item for discussion.

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CSD Update: See above. Jim Luttrell will forward power issue to Priscilla Oliver for November EGHS Board meeting.

Facilities Manager Report:

- Boy Scout project is complete – work in Luttig garden.
- Foulks House Update: Current architect is working free of charge. No ETA as to completion of plans. Cost estimate of plans. \$3,500.00. Recommendation made to pay current architect to get plans completed in 3 weeks. Motion by Dennis Buscher. Second by Tim Knox. Discussion above. Unanimously approved. Will move forward with a written proposal.
- Rheese School Update: Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM for quote on roof, foundation and removal of back 2/3's of building. Further report at December EGHS Board meeting.
- Yard maintenance: Two quotes received to date. One quote is \$3,900.00. The other quote is \$4,700.00. Repair and replacement of sprinkler system where needed. Recommendation made to revisit this issue in the spring of 2019 as current system is workable. Determination made to obtain one more bid and revisit issue at November EGHS Board meeting. This is CSD ownership. However, CSD is unresponsive to this issue. Current sprinkler system is jury rigged. Accordingly, looking to performing determination. Note: The \$4,700.00 quote does not include follow – up work to be performed during the year. Will follow up with quote to report back at the November EGHS Board meeting.
- Boy Scout Project: Paint barriers around Rheese School. Determination made color should be off – white or grey.
- Recommendation made to place “plaques” for Boy Scout Projects completed. Approved by consensus. Will continue to follow up on this issue.
- In addition to the 6 branding plaques currently on the barn, at a cost of \$6.00 a brand plaque, there are 37 more brands. Cost for 37 more branding plaques is \$750.00. Motion made by Jim Entrican. Second by Dennis Buscher. Discussion above. Approved unanimously.
- Flower Bed: Discussion ensued. Current planting, although not winter plants, should make it through the Christmas holidays. Recommend visiting this issue in spring of 2019. Map of EGHS members responsible for various flower beds to be updated and Emailed.

Unfinished Old Business:

- Estate Sale: Dennis Buscher and Susan Saner working 2 weeks straight on Countryman Estate Sale. Proceeds to be split 50 / 50. Estate Sale to be held on October 19, 20, 21, 2018 from 8 AM – 3 PM. High quality Estate Sale. EGHS has purchased some items to be used Society. Sally Bergen working on volunteers for Estate Sale. Will need 7 – 8 volunteers as only 20 – 25 people at a time will be allowed into Estate Sale. Hold tables will be setup. Some volunteers will write up purchases, as well as wrap purchases. There will be 2 cashiers. Expected gross receipts expected to be \$10,000.00. Currently gross sales are \$2,000.00. Request was made to place that on EGHS website. Discussion as to reserve good crystal to be handed out to honoree at Pinkerton in the Park Picnic. Address has not been disclosed at this point in time. Will be disclosed on October 18, 2018. Anna Claire Entrican made proposal that Dennis Buscher, Julie Deaver and Susan Saner receive some monetary contribution for the time they have spent setting up the Estate Sale. Determination to be made after the Estate Sale. Susan Saner will be the main contact at the Estate Sale for difficult questions. More expensive items to be sold on – line via Ebay. EGHS has not setup EBay account.

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- Discussion as to early bring in of container for EGHS Yard Sale. Cost of \$600.00 to bring in container. \$129.00 a month for container. This issue will be taken up after the Estate Sale.
- Table Top Advertising: Nothing to report. Determination made to visit restaurant with Table Top Advertising. Believe there are currently 6 restaurants with Table Top Advertising.
- History Week – Plow to Plate: Jim Entrican shows revenue of \$15,775.00. Jeanette Lawson shows income of \$14,870.00. Jim Entrican shows expenses of \$13,241.00 – and a net income of \$2,533.00. Jeanette Lawson shows a net income of \$1,846.00. Some unknowns in combining Plow to Plate, specifically LMML and EGHS. Total tickets sold – 120+. Planned for 225. Suggestion made that next Plow to Plate might include Rhoades School 5 – 10 minute skit.
- History Week – Pinkerton Picnic: Suggestion made to change time to 12 PM – 3 PM to increase attendance, possible time conflict with church goers with current time. Emphasis should be placed on this is a public event. Advertising should focus on social media, attempt to get to local schools and get advertising out earlier. Other issues are table setup and availability of drink before meal. Children activities were very successful. Possible signage needed for children activities, as well as played up. Next year possible honoree – Elk Grove Unified School District. Note: David Lema wrote a summary of History Week activities for the Elk Grove Citizen.
- History Week – Hops Brew Fest: Revenue was \$9,852.00 including the city grant. Expenses were \$7,884.00. Per Jeanette Lawson, \$1,000.00 to go to both the EGHS and LMML. The remaining, \$1,358.89 (?), to go to cover Hops Brew Fest expenses. Hay ride around the Mahon Ranch was a favorite event at the Hops Brew Fest. Committee meetings to be held in 2019 to ensure event is even more successful.
- Mormon Battalion Encampment CSD Board Action: Attended CSD Board meeting on September 19, 2018. Board voted 4 – 0 to support the event scheduled for April 19, 2019 (? See below). Black powder approved by CSD Board for demonstrations. Will be working with CSD staff member on event. Committed to event. Mormon Battalion. Sutter's Fort volunteers in uniform. Drum and fife core. NY volunteers. Steve Beck has volunteered to speak – EGHS was granted access to the Elk Grove Park Pavilion. Nothing scheduled for March 23, 24 2019 by Sutters Fort. No reason Sutters Fort staff cannot attend. Sutters Fort may provide artifacts for event. CSD wants to make this a promoted event for California history. Possible open of Rhoades School with docents for teaching.
- Mural on fence around the Reese School: White.
- Ballroom them décor for 2019: Possible Miwork presentation. Possible Rhoads School to be honored.
- Consider moving to meet at CSD HQ when building is open: Left on Agenda. This would be for General Meetings only.

New Business:

- Vintage Trailer and Antique Flea Market: Canceled due to weather conditions in 2018. Accordingly, not profitable. Unable to find a better date for the event. This will free up CSD Trailer for Mormon Battalion Event. Note: City reduced contribution to Elk Grove downtown merchants / Vintage Trailer event from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00. Grant request will be made by EGHS for \$1,000.00 for Mormon Battalion.
- Support Mahon Ranch Revolutionary War Encampment (Revolutionary Days in Elk Grove): Scheduled for April 26, 27, 28, 2019. Mahon family is working with John Hess. John Hess was at Brew Hops Fest and finds the ranch site appropriate. Possible EGHS booth at event. Work in progress. John Hess is looking for partnership with EGHS for event. Is John Hess looking for financial support for this event? No. This is not a fundraising event. Just support from EGHS in

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kind and labor. Possible advertising to bring own lunch. Possible food truck. Motion by Dennis Buscher (to support event per above). Tim Knox second motion. Discussion above. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tours: Remind Board to be Lead docents. Cindy Mahon to be Lead docent for Christmas tours. Youth signed up for Christmas tours. Rhoads School well attended at 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday tour in October, possibly because of Pumpkin Festival. Rhoades School was also open on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday as well – well intention error. Parking control until 2:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday due to Pumpkin Festival.
- Membership: No new members.
- Lifetime membership for Jeanette Lawson sister and brother in – law in Michigan. Personal letter to be sent to thank for continued support of the past 9 years.
- First Wedding at Museum Update: Will be in the Ardent magazine. Jail will be used by groom and groomsmen – keep it clean until October 31, 2018. Insurance rider complete for event – EGHS to keep a copy. Jim Entrican to take one tent down. Groom and friends to move other tent and stage exactly where they want it. Deliveries to be made October 19, 20, 21, 2018.
- Nominating Committee: Jim Entrican introduces all candidates for offices for the record. Susan Hernandez withdraw for candidate as President of EGHS. All candidates to be introduced at the EGHS General Session on Monday, October 15, 2018.
- Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours: Scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Lunch at California Kitchen. Bus reserved. Two museums, short walking tour and lunch. Cost is \$60.00 per person – includes lunch and admission for the tours.
- Newsletter: Newsletter is full due to upcoming events. Christmas advertising to be coming out after Estate Sate (see above). Working on flyers for Keema's Pumpkin Farm to hand out for Christmas events. Need for Christmas. Docents and 2 room decorators.
- Webmaster: See discussion above. History week photos now on website. Discussion with San Simeon group that wants to start Historical Society.
- Programs: General Meeting Speaker on October 15, 2018 will be Crystal Martinez – Leary, talk on Miwok history. Crystal Martinez – Leary, formerly tribal leader for Wilton Rancheria.
- Black Tie and Santa Update: Laura Beamis will have Santa roaming around, as well as Laura Beamis taking pictures. Sold 14 tickets. \$40.00 per ticket. Event is Sunday, November 25, 2018 from 6 PM – 9 PM. Tickets to be mailed out upon purchase. Planning meeting to be help on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10 AM.
- Old Fashion Christmas Update: Room decorators are set with the exception of 2 rooms. Jackie Lewis and Sally Bergen are charged with Santa photos. Laura Beamis will take Santa photos. Hours changed for Santa – is now up to 4:45 PM. Weekends close at 5:00 PM. Volunteers will be leaving after 5:00 PM. Youth volunteers are set as well. Gifts for children to hand out after seeing Santa are downstairs in basement.
- Store Manager: Cindy Mahon will be available for December – Julie Deaver will be unavailable during December. Discussion to look into a simple cash register.
- Grants: Nothing to report.
- Correspondence: Carol Dunkel resigned from Rhoades School and EGHS, as well as all duties, beginning October 1, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.