

Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting

Sept. 10, 2018

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

Approval of Agenda: two items added, Dennis Buscher New Business item, Estate Sale

Ken Miller, Motion to purchase stickers did not have a recorded second to the motion. Dennis made a new motion to purchase the stickers, Jeanette made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Knox made the motion to approve the agenda with the added items. Dennis Buscher made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

Historic Podcast Played: Louis Silveira- Oscar Mix telling about his grandmother, Marion B. Smith, how she became a student at UC Berkley and teacher at Elk Grove High School.

Approval of Minutes-correction of name should read Josh Green not John Green. Stickers purchase, second to the motion. Motion by Dennis Buscher to accept the minutes as amended. The second to the motion was made by Jeanette Lawson. The motion passed.

Public Comment: Susan Hernandez has 16 new Girl Scouts signed up to work at events. She felt that no one knew about the Pinkerton Picnic. She wondered if there were more ways to get the information to the public. A discussion followed about all the ways History Week events were being advertised. Jim Entrican thanked Dennis and Louie for all the writing they have done to advertise these events.

Presentations: none

Appointments: none

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson- see report in minutes. Plow to Plate shows an extra \$5,000 from last time, this is the city grant money. The Real Estate Rental Account will be about \$1,500 per month in the future.

Rhoads School update: Roberta Tanner -Presently we have 79 classes scheduled at Rhoads School from 28 schools. Scheduling has been difficult this year, trying to work around docent schedules, surgeries, new docent training and other issues. Sept. -Feb. are usually slow month for Rhoads School visits, this year 28 classes wanted to come, mostly in October. We had to call these school and re-schedule to other dates. The **Docent Training Handbook** has been edited and updated also the manual for classroom teachers. We are grateful for the Plow to Plate fundraiser. It is our largest source of funds for scholarships. Roberta asked about the wood

supply for this year. John Ross replied that the second week of Oct., they are going to work on the firewood supply. They will cut it and bring it to Rhoads School. Cindy Mahon has volunteered to be a second alternate Firestarter.

CSD update: Jim Luttrell and Josh Green were both absent, no report.

Facilities Manager Report:

- Foulks House update: updated plans are in process. Monica Ross shared a poster/banner about the history of the Foulks house to be placed at a yet to be determined place in or on the house. The information was provided by Louis Silveira, he also provided a history of the Foulks family. The cost of the banner was \$43. Dennis Buscher made a motion to repay Monica for the cost and have banners made for the Foulks family history and the Reese School. Jeanette Lawson made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Reese School update on engineering possibilities: John Ross- no report will work on this after History Week.
- Yard maintenance (bark and sprinklers): The payment for the bark was approved by the Board via email. The sprinkler heads all need to be replaced with commercial grade pop ups heads. The current heads get filled with debris from the water, commercial heads have an auto cleaning mechanism and screen.
- Adopt a flower bed for maintenance: Louie had made a map of the gardens and given the flower beds numbers. Members were asked to sign up to maintain a flower bed by weeding, replanting and providing pest control. The Historical Society will purchase flowers when flower beds need replanting. Mary Bulford will take care of beds 1, 2, and 3, Cindy Mahon will take beds 4, 5. Beds 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15 are areas that professional gardeners are responsible to maintain. Jeanette and Ken Lawson will do area 11. Ken Miller said that he has been taking care of the area by the restroom map #10. Jim wants to make the fountain in front into a flower bed. He will check with the person who donated the fountain if that will be ok. Areas 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 still need to be adopted.

Unfinished (Old) Business

- History Week LMML & Living History: Jim Entrican-Plow to Plate tickets are being printed. There will be 240 meals available. We have six long tables, renting extra tables. We are using a Bay Area company to clean and press 30 table cloths, we are using CSD's 30 tables. Native Sons of the Golden West will tend bar. Ironstone and Boughel will provide the wine. There will be auctions between "events" and a band. Monica Ross-Pinkerton Picnic needs volunteers to sell tickets from 10:30-12:30 we will use arm bands for kids and adults. David Lemma will be the Master of Ceremonies. Susan Hernandez has children's activities prepared.

Hops Brew Fest: Cindy Mahon reporting for David Lemma-They need people to sign up for various jobs including fence security so that children don't get into the water at the Mahon ranch. They need parking, ticket sale and safety volunteers. Tickets are \$45 entry fee only with one 16oz beer. Food and drinks are extra. There will be hay rides and music bands. They have two grants one from the city the other from LMML.

- Mormon Battalion Encampment progress: Ken Miller-He and Josh Green are trying to get a date. It needs approval for black powder usage. Ken looked into booking a banjo band but they want \$300 per day. Ken asked if the Historical Society wants to make an agreement with CSD. Jim thinks we should make an agreement. Historical Society will sign an agreement with CSD.
- Mural on fence around Reese School: Cindy Mahon/Jim Entrican-no report
- Ballroom theme and decorations for next year: Jeanette suggested we look into a Miwok exhibit. Roberta suggested a Rhoads School artifacts exhibit.
- Purchase of two Microwaves before Black Tie and Santa event: Jeanette Lawson/Monica Ross- Monica reported that she had found two different brands that would hold 16"X16" trays, both under \$250 each. Jeanette suggested that we let Monica do the microwave purchasing. John Ross stated that he had access to a small stove/oven to be installed in the basement. Dennis said that would be illegal the area does not meet fire code. He and Jeanette do not believe a stove is necessary. Roberta reminded them of the table top oven she would like to donate.
- Consider moving meeting to CSD headquarters when building is open-no report
- Pinkerton Picnic in the Park Recognition: Louis Silveira-Louie had designs of several trophy designs to be used for this annual event. One to be chosen for a perpetual trophy with engraving the recipient's name each year. Dennis Buscher made the motion to select the tall trophy with the elk head attached to base plaque costing up to \$400 including tax and shipping. Cindy Mahon made the second to the motion. The motion passed. For an individual gift Louie designed a crystal trophy. Jim Entrican made the motion that this crystal trophy be given to Elizabeth Pinkerton this year. Tim Knox made the second to the motion. The motion passed. The consensus of the Board was, there is a year to decide on a gift for the Herburger Family to keep. See chosen items in handout documents.

New Business

- Insurance Update-City Grant (Plow to Plate/Vintage Trailer)-Jim/Jeanette
- Estate Sale: Dennis Buscher-He and a friend named Susan will be doing an estate sale in South Land Park Oct. 19, 20, 21. They will donate their 50% profit to the Historical Society the other 50% will go to the family. Jim Entrican made a motion that the Historical Society support the estate sale. Jeanette Lawson made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

- 1st Saturday Tours: Susan Hernandez-reminded Board members to sign up for 2019 and reminded the October lead. Jeanette reported there were about 30 visitors to the Museum on Sept. 1, Caro reported 19 visitors to Rhoads School that day.
- Membership: Jim Entrican-new member Kristin Tollenaar. David Brooks has been replaced by J.T. Thompson representing Visit Elk Grove.
- Nominating Committee: Jim Entrican-Candidates to be presented at October General meeting held at Old Town Creations. Nominations from the floor will be accepted; 5 days after the meeting ballots will be prepared; members may request mail-in ballot prior to Oct. 31; mail-in ballots must be returned by second Friday of November; voting at general meeting; Sept./Oct. Newsletter to remind members to vote or request a ballot.
- Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours (Dec. 5, 2018): Cindy Mahon-Walking tour of Placerville and two museums with no host lunch.
- Newsletter: Louis Silveira-All information needs to be in by the 15th of next month (Oct.) Space is limited because of bios of each candidate running for office is listed in the newsletter.
- Webmaster update: Louis Silveira-He has set up information for Black Tie & Santa and Old Fashioned Christmas. Still trying to connect with Barbara to learn ticket purchasing. When History Week is over, that information will be removed and these holiday events will be highlighted.
- Black Tie & Santa update: Jeanette Lawson-no report. Jim Entrican wants two tickets to donate to the Masquerade Ball.
- Old Fashioned Christmas update: Cindy Mahon-We still need two room decorators. Need sign up for Christmas Weekend Docents –see Susan Hernandez. We will be open 4 week-ends. Dennis and Jim will be in charge of fourth week-end.

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