

Elk Grove Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Ken Miller with a quorum verified.

Board Members Present: Dennis Buscher, Tim Knox, Cindy Mahon, Jeanette Lawson, Ken Miller, Roberta Tanner & Louis Silveira w/Jim Entrican arriving later.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dennis Buscher and second by Jeanette Lawson to amend the Agenda by deleting Table Top Advertising and adding credit cards to New Business. Motion passed. Amended Agenda was approved.

Historic Podcast: Sheldon discovering Elk Grove looking for horses, obtaining land grant, selling of property, discovery of gold before Marshall in 1847 in Galt.

Approval of Multiple Minutes: **Motion** to approve October 8, 2018 Minutes by Dennis Buscher and second by Jeanette Lawson. **Motion passed.** **Motion** to approve November 12, 2018 Minutes by Dennis Buscher and second by Jeanette Lawson. **Motion** passed.

Public Comment: Dennis Buscher stated the last Friday the Elk Grove Citizen had excellent coverage in the Citizen of our Old Fashion Christmas: Front page pictures and inside story. He also discovered there is an Elk Grove House in Pennsylvania.

Passing of Judy Tafoya with the Presbyterian Church, our General Session Host, was addressed by Dennis Buscher. Action: Dennis Buscher will contact the minister to assure we will continue to meet at the church in January 2019 for our General Meeting. Cards may be sent to Frank Tafoya at 5230 Luttig Ct. Elk Grove, California 95757. Action: Cindy Mahon to send a card for the Historical Society.

Presentations: The newly elected officers for the Board of Directors are as follows: Bryce Tanner, President; Tim Knox, 1st, Vice President; Dennis Buscher, 2nd Vice President; Ken Miller, Recording Secretary; Cindy Mahon, Corresponding Secretary; and Jeanette Lawson, Treasurer. Appointed Board Members will be identified in January 2019. The following persons have expressed interest in retaining their appointed positions or being appointed: John Ross, Facilities Manager; Louis Silveira, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor; and Roberta Tanner will be reconfirmed as Rhoads School Director. A tentative Board roster has been prepared by Jim Entrican.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson clarified how Hops Brewfest funds were distributed. Funds were distributed as follows: \$1,000 to Elk Grove Historical Society,

\$1,000 to Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation (LMML) and the remainder to the Mahon Ranch for expenses.

Clarification on Plow to Plate distribution was requested by Roberta Tanner. \$3,000 was previously placed in the Rhoads School Budget.

Operating Fund: Black Tie Fundraiser Report Net Income = \$7,300

Income: Tickets = \$3,080 Raffle = \$4,200 Donation = \$1,613

Expenses: \$1,520

Gross Income: \$8,893 1st year for Black Tie Event net was \$2,300. Great Event!

Income from 2nd Friday Night Lights. Donation of \$300 from Janice Hildago.

Designated to Building Fund or Foulks House Restoration. 53+ people through the house. 2 new memberships

Motion was made by Dennis Buscher and second by Jeanette Lawson to accept and approve the Treasurer's Reports. **Motion passed.**

Rhoads School Report: Roberta Tanner reported that 24 Scholarships have been awarded, 82 classes have been scheduled and some classes cancelled and were rescheduled. Windows are to be installed between January 23 and February 1, 2019. School Board Meeting is February 4, 2019 at 9:00 am at Mike's Diner. The school is cleaned immediately thereafter the Board Meeting. The June Board Meeting will include the Board, docents and firestarters. New docents include Marybeth, Robin and Lisa. Question on the original Rhoads School Gate: It was located, to be given to the school originally, but then the offer was cancelled.

CSD Update: No report (prior commitments by representatives)

Facilities Manager Report: John Ross for Jim Entrican

Foulks House: John stated that plans were being finalized by Robert Pressi. They should be back within a couple of days or so. Expectations are to go out to bid for the actual restoration after January 1, 2019.

Reese School: John stated a foundation contractor visited the site previously and will send out staff to examine the building in the next few weeks, after the holidays.

Question: Where was the Reese School located originally. Answer: It was in the Vintage Park area west of Bradshaw. It was on the northwest corner between the School (Fife?) and the railroad tracks. There are Eucalyptus trees marking the spot along with the foundation. Elizabeth Pinkerton wrote an article in the Elk Grove Citizen about the Reese School in the past. Louie Silveira also wrote an article recently in our Newsletter.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

The Mural around the Reese School: is to have a white background.

*Ballroom Theme: **One Room School Committee:*** Roberta Tanner, Cindy Mahon, Tim Knox, Rosemarie and Ken Miller. There is an idea to post pictures and scripts for the room. Looking for antique desks. Cindy Mahon may have one to loan for the display. We need a portable chalk board. Ballroom needs to be ready by February 1st Saturday.

Revolutionary War Encampment: - Mahon Ranch: Tom Mahon will ask for our partnership. There will be a parking charge at the event to help pay for insurance, toilets and other expenses. Historical Society will manage parking and a booth.

Consider move to CSD for General Session Meetings in the future: On hold

Charity of the Month: December will have the Elk Grove Historical Society as the Charity of the Month at Gifts from the Heart on Elk Grove Florin Rd. south of Elk Grove Blvd.

New Business:

Policies and Procedures: Need to have the P & P update that shows the 2nd Vice President may sign checks, as passed in a prior motion in the past.

Annual Planning Workshop: Tuesday January 16, 2019 @ Wackford Aquatics Center; located @ Bruceville and Big Horn, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, working lunch provided.

Consider a Means for Credit Card Admissions & Purchases & Increase Users: Need to have a program for Android Phone use, as well as I Phone use. The Squares we have work for I Phone only. An application can be downloaded via typical phone application screen. Consider going to another system: Phone use is the key, but remember each use has a fee. A dual system needs to still have one account only for tracking. The Frontier Internet System may need a better boost for the signal. **ACTION ITEM:** Temporary fix is to purchase more squares by someone. Note: no assignment made.

Committee Reports:

1st Saturday Tours- Susan Hernandez: No report on docent sign-up for 2019.

Membership- Jim Entrican/Lorraine Croup: Karen & Brian Lawrence are new members. 1 more member pending.

Events @ the Museum-Monica Ross: Wedding pictures are not available yet in Ardent Magazine. **Action Item:** Louie Silveira will scan pictures for our website when magazine is available. A meeting is planned this week for the Planning Workshop.

Lorraine's Historical Bus Tours-Cindy Mahon & Rosemarie Miller: 32 persons participated in the Historic Placerville Tour Dec. 5. Many had time to shop and want to return for personal trips. FYI: the covered Honey Run Bridge toured on a trip to Chico was destroyed in the Camp Fire in Paradise. Planning for two trips/ear in spring, summer or fall. Night time driving in winter as been an issue for some participants.

Newsletter- Louis Silveira: Passing of Judy Tafoya was noted. **ACTION ITEM:** Condolences will be mailed to Judy Tafoya's husband Cindy Mahon. It was identified that letters of remembrance should be limited to members or others with Board Approval to limit workload. Milt Webb Status: He is up, but he is not doing well yet. The family could use assistance for 2 to 3 hours per day. In 1 to 2 weeks he will be in a rest home. Milt is a founding member of the Historical Society.

Webmaster- Louis Silveira: 3 problems have been incurred. Louie Silveira's credit card was stolen or lost. He has a new card he uses for Historical Society Business (robocalls, etc.) Louie is working with Go Daddy and a lady at the Senior Center for issues of purchasing tickets on line. He mentioned computer security system coverage is \$99/year. He discovered there could be malware on our computer system. He is waiting for help from the same people. Facebook Question from Dennis Buscher: Dennis has pictures on his Facebook and wants to place them on our website. **ACTION ITEM:** Louie to work on this request. Louie discovered he and Dave Soto are Administrators on our website. **ACTION ITEM:** Louie is continuing to work with Dave for the Password access. Jeanette Lawson has some passwords also.

Programs- Tim Knox: January 21 General Session Speaker is Steve Beck at the Presbyterian Church. There are 3 to 4 potential speakers for February.

Black Tie & Santa Event- Jeanette Lawson: Event was a success. 77 tickets were sold. Needed sign at front gate to have visitors enter by front door for ticket count.

Old Fashion Christmas- Cindy Mahon & Rosemarie Miller: (1) Scheduling volunteers for the weekends was/is an issue. (1 a) Youth volunteers need to not be on phones while volunteering, (1b) Many Volunteers were not reporting for their shifts. (1c) Children should not be operating hot cider dispenser. Need adult supervision. This year peoples were occupied and not standing in line for pictures, moved about the museum grounds. The wait for Santa Pictures is not as long as last year

Jim Entrican identified that Channel 31 Good Morning Sacramento wanted to have live feed show on Monday Dec. 17 or Wed. Dec 19 at 9:00 am with Santa and children.

ACTION ITEM: The Board by a consensus did not approve the request because this would only affect our last weekend that was expected to be extremely busy already. Next year the live TV show needs to be worked out in early November for earlier dates.

Early California Days- Ken Miller: A meeting w/CSD, Ken Miller & Bryce Tanner is scheduled for tomorrow Dec. 11 at 11:00 am. A meeting with group members and some staff was held Nov. 27 at CSD HQ. The event is expanding. Parking fee has been approved. Looking for volunteer groups to assist. Next meeting is Jan. 8 at 11:00. Need sponsorships: Auto Mall sign? Business support:

Gift Shop- Julie Deaver & Annaclare Entrican: Sales are great. A sign is needed that points to the gift shop during events. **ACTION ITEM:** Jeanette Lawson will get a sign. I Pad use was discussed. The store personnel use hand written receipts only.

Grant Writer- Sally Bergen: Kaiser would not approve a grant for the Early California Days. These grants are for healthcare and health education.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm