

Elk Grove Historical Society Minutes of February 4, 2002 Board Meeting

President Tom Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Sandi Russell
Parliamentarian – Dorothy Hrepich
Member-Jim Wright

Corresponding Secretary- Jane Morse
Historian – Carmel Silva
Member-Dave Morse.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dennis Buscher sent an e-mail that "The financial report will be the same as the one published in the last newsletter. It differs slightly from the one I gave at the last meeting in that a donation (\$25) and a sale of a book (\$15) should have been posted to the Generations account instead of the General account."

New Business:

President Tom asked **Jane Morse, Sandi Russell, and Dave Morse** to work on any changes needed to the by laws and report back at the next Board meeting.

Sandi told the Board that she is on a special committee for the Clarence Frank Baker Park and asked the Board to approve the purchase of a brick for the Wall of Love for \$25. The brick will have imprinted on it "Elk Grove Historical Society". The Baker Park is only the second public park in the state that provides play equipment and access for children and adults with special needs. Carmel Silva moved that we purchase the brick. Dorothy Hrepich seconded the motion, and it passed.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the following topics:

General Projects

Hotel Committee

Should we have a Hotel Proprietor much like our Rhoads School Superintendent? Yes, however, we need to make a duty statement for that person. Part of his/her jobs would include making sure lights are on for meetings, opening the gates, unlocking the restrooms, assisting those who are going to use the hotel to get things ready for the event, etc.

Docent Program

Sandi reported that an organizational meeting for the docent program will be held at 10 a.m. on 2/9. She has 11 people signed up so far and has advertised in both newspapers.

Sign In Podium

It was decided that the Sign In Podium is really not of the era that portrays the hotel. However, getting a different podium is not high on our priority list. So everyone was asked to keep their eyes open for a different podium.

Loaned Computer

Tom announced that he and Sandi have loaned a computer with CD reader, laser printer and scanner for the Hotel Use. It is a Pentium with 3 gigabytes of disk space and all the necessary software: Word for Windows, Excel, Access, Internet ready, and a few more.

Newcomers Bridge Club

Dorothy explained that the Newcomers Bridge Club would like to use the hotel for bridge parties once a month on Mondays. The 40 Club members would join the Historical Society. Dorothy suggested that the Society purchase 10 card tables and the chairs to go with them; the bridge club could use them but so could the Society. Price was discussed. **Dorothy and Jim Wright** are going to check out table/chair prices.

Arts Group

Tom announced that the Arts Group will be holding a hands-on session in the basement which will need a lot of space. The session will be a framing and preservation seminar for their group. The Society needs to clean up the basement or straighten it up. The **Arts Group** will help clean.

Member Interest

President Tom said that the Society should have little projects for our general membership to do or become involved in. He suggested projects like: researching, taking pictures, Government Liaisons, interviewing, transcribing interviews, cataloging, carpentry projects, design projects etc. The Board decided that the last meeting before summer break (June meeting) will be a picnic. We will send out invitations to the members (**Sandi volunteered to do this**), and barbeque some kind of meat and let members bring other food (e.g., salad, deviled eggs, drinks, etc.)

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Park Open Times

Tom explained that the kiosk at the park entrance should be opening the 1st weekend in March. Most of the time the Kiosk will be closed at 6:30 but there will be times when it remains open till 8:00 pm. It is possible that we can make entrance passes for our Hotel users for evening use when the Kiosk is open after 6:30. This is in the talking stages and may become a reality. There is also the possibility that we can open the back gate for special events as long as we have a gatekeeper. The park will lock the gates at dark. We will need to keep Eric Hunt of Elk Grove Park advised of the dates and times for our events so he can leave the gates open later.

The Next Parks Quarterly Meeting

The next parks quarterly meeting will be at the Hotel on March 14 in the morning. The County Parks personnel, Supervisors, Grounds people, Rangers and CSD people, attend this meeting.

Interior Hotel Projects

Hotel Interior Design

Tom said that we should start hanging pictures and arranging what displays we have. We have some items that could be stored in the basement until we need them. He said there are a lot of newspapers in the basement, and that we should possibly look into purchasing equipment to keep the moisture content at the proper level. He asked that the **Building Committee** and a **member of the Genealogy Group** form a committee to research the type of equipment and its cost. David Morse suggested the Genealogy Group go through the newspapers, take everything out that refers to Elk Grove and throw the rest away.

Bar in the basement

Do we want the bar in the basement? Carmel moved that the Society offer the bar back to Carl Amundson, and if he doesn't want it, that the Society should get rid of it. Jane Morse seconded the motion, and it passed.

It was decided the Society would hold a Garage Sale in April. Dorothy will talk to Paul Ronau. Things that the Society cannot use will be offered along with items donated to the sale by Society members.

Exterior Projects

Grounds Upkeep

We do need help with the grounds upkeep. The County Parks itself has a hard time getting the inmate groups out to Elk Grove Park. We need volunteers to donate just a little time doing a few things. As we start to landscape, we will need some help. We will need help throughout the summer in mowing, trimming, weed abatement and watering. **Dorothy** said she would try to contact the Mormon group who helped us before.

Hotel Walkways/Front Porch

It was confirmed that we will have cement walkways and **Dennis** will be overseeing the walkway and porch since he already has a contract with someone.

Hotel Back Porch/Piers

Jim Wright reported that he had contacted the Elk Grove Lions to re-stain and clean up the back porch. Carmel told Jim the railing needs to be changed to round railing to meet ADA Standards. **Dorothy** said she would contact Jim Jordan about fixing the pier under the porch.

Beeman Car

Elliot Mulberg was supposed to write a contract between Don Drake and the Society so Don can fix the Beeman car. **Tom** will contact Elliot about the contract.

Upcoming Events

April – Yard Sale

June – Member's Picnic

October – Art and Wine Show

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Russell, Secretary