

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

### March 2, 2002

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President Tom Russell called the meeting to order at 9:40 am; the following board members were present:

President Tom Russell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Elliot Mulberg
Recording Secretary Sandi Russell	Parliamentarian Dorothy Hrepich
Historian Carmel Silva	Membership Chair Elaine Wright
Building Committee representative Jim Wright	Art League representative Cheryl Griess

Tom read a letter from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Paul R. in which he resigned his position due to personal problems. Dorothy volunteered to take over the position, and Tom appointed her as 1st Vice President.

Dorothy said the art show is going to be October 19th at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. We will pay the church \$300 for the use of their hall. The hall includes a kitchen, tables, chairs, plates, utensils, etc. Sandi said she would help Dorothy and make truffles for the event.

The walkways are going to be cement because gravel is too hard for people with disabilities to navigate. Tom read an e-mail from Dennis Buscher in which he states that Mike (he didn't give Mike's last name) cannot do the sidewalks. The building committee is going to meet on this. The walkways need to be in first, then the porch steps, then and the porch railings. Dorothy said she would ask her nephew Jim Jordan. Tom contacted CSD to see if we can piggyback on one of their contracts to get the walkways. Rita Velasquez will get back to Tom on that. We are supposed to be getting the rock and cement from Hanford. This hasn't been verified. Sandi volunteered to make a project list for the building committee; it will include verifying with Hanford.

Tom reported that Frances called about a Scholarship that the Historical Society had approved in September of 1999. The scholarship was for \$150 to fund schools that couldn't afford to take their children to the Rhoads School. Frances sent a letter to Elk Grove Unified School District schools in 1999, and no schools responded. No scholarships have ever been awarded. However, this year one school will have to cancel the Rhoads School trip for three classes due to lack of funds. Frances suggested that the Society sponsor two classes and the Rhoads School pay for the third. The \$150 goes to the docent for transportation, etc. Carmel moved and Dorothy seconded that the Society spend the \$300. The Board approved. Sandi moved that the Treasurer set up a separate fund each year within the budget for the Rhoads School Scholarship Fund for \$150 and that scholarship be given to a school in the EGUSD. Carmel seconded. It passed.

Tom discussed the hotel procedures he had e-mailed the board. He mentioned the light on the top of the hotel is set to come on at 6:45 p.m. Cheryl suggested putting a timer on the parking lot. Tom explained that we can't do that because we would be wasting electricity and money when the hotel is only used a couple of evening each month. We now have electricity in the jail. The parking light switch is in the basement. The building committee will check on the power problem.

Cheryl expressed concern about the parking lot saying that the park closes at 6:30 and the Art Club meets at 7:00. When that happens people can come in through the East Stockton Boulevard entrance because the Society has a key. However someone has to act as a gatekeeper so no



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unauthorized person enters the park and gets locked in. Cheryl said that she told the woman who was acting as gatekeeper at their last Artist Club meeting to come in and not watch the gate because she was concerned about her watching the gate at night alone. She suggested that the park passes be issued. She also expressed concern about the basement and wanted to know when the bar and other things being stored down there would be cleaned out. However, the basement is the storage area for the Hotel, which first and foremost is to be a museum.

Sandi advised the Board that she and Jane (who is currently on vacation) are revising the Society By-Laws and asked the Boards opinion on a section. She and Jane will present the suggested changes at the next Board meeting.

Elliot said that the CSD Park Naming Committee is going to contact the Historical Society to get any information the Society may have about the historical background of the people they are considering honoring.

Carmel reported that her grandson is making a table for the old Candy Craft glass display cabinet.

Cheryl will forward her written concerns to Tom before March 8th. County Parks is meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> with the Historical Society and other interested organizations (CSD, Western Festival, etc.) that use the Elk Grove Park on that date.

Elaine went to the Old Town Merchants Association; the city needs to form the Historical Preservation Review Committee. Tom will write a letter to the City Manager.

Jim checked out card tables at Wahl-Mart. They sell sets that include four padded folding-chairs and a card table for \$50. Jim put ten of the sets on lay-away. The Board that that was an excellent price; however, they decided to wait until we have had a fund raiser before purchasing the sets.

Dorothy suggested that the Society pay for the Artist Group insurance for \$360 because they are going to display their paintings at our art show. It was suggested that the \$360 could be taken out of the Historical Society's proceeds from the Art Show. The issue was tabled.

Tom announced that the Board meetings will be the first Monday of every month at 7 PM at the hotel.

*Sandi*

Sandi Russell, Recording Secretary  
Elk Grove Historical Society



**Special Historical Society Board Meeting**  
**March 18, 2002**

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A special meeting of the historical society was called for 6:15 p.m. at Stockton's Burgers prior to the tour of the Julia Morgan House. Those officers present were: Carmel Silva, Jane Morse, Elliot Mulberg, Dennis Buscher, Tom Russell, Sandi Russell, and guest Cheryl Griess.

The meeting was called to discuss the \$7700 bill the historical society received from Vice Electric. President Tom reported that he spoke to George Vice and there was no contract signed. He also reported that Carl Amundson got the less expensive residential rate rather than the business rate.

Elliot recalled a board meeting at which Carl told the board he would cover the cost of the parking lot up to \$10,000 over the \$100,000 the society received to construct the parking lot. Jane Morse and Carmel Silva also remembered that meeting.

Sandi moved that the society put in the sidewalk and open the hotel first and then reimburse Carl once we open the hotel this fall and received the money we are expecting in September. Elliot seconded.

The motion passed four to two. Cheryl Griess voted against the motion; however, the By Laws have not been amended to make a member of the Arts League a board member of the board yet so her vote was not counted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



**tom-sandi**

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**From:** <Swanduo@aol.com>  
**To:** <tom-sandi@attbi.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2002 10:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Board Meeting Minutes

Sandi,

I know when the meeting was, as I was there. I don't believe that I was taking minutes that day. I was not officially Secretary until January of 2001 and then I had to resign around June (although they kept listing me as Secretary through December). The meeting was at Sweet Bean in Laguna and I'm pretty sure that it was in October of 2000. I actually was the "bad guy" that provoked Carl's promise when I said that I'd never heard of a project being completed at or under the bid price other than the Strauss Island facility. He immediately said that he would cover any charges over the \$100,000. I was driven to the meeting by Frances. She may have the same memories that I have. The people that I remember being present were: Dorothy Hrepich, Jane Morse, Gerald Derr, Merwyn Rose, Elliot, Carl (of course, as he was insisting that we o.k. Teichert doing the job without asking for any other bids). I remember he said that Teichert had to begin their work within two weeks to beat the rainy season and that's why the emergency meeting. I think that Carmel may have been there also. There may have been others ~ it's been a while. I hope that my memories are accurate, but time erases some facts I'm sure. Sorry that I can't be of more help.

Take care, Iris

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