

## Elk Grove Historical Society Minutes of April 21, 2003 Board Meeting

President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. There were nine board members present which constituted a quorum. Those present were:

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| Dennis Buscher | Lucille Christesen | Frances Fite | Jeanette Lawson |
| Jane Morse     | Donna Olovson      | Tom Russell  | Sandi Russell   |
| Carmel Silva   | Anne Trussell      | Allen Wise   |                 |

**MINUTES:** Allen moved that the minutes be approved as printed and distributed; Frances seconded the motion and it was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of April 15, 2003, the society has a grand total of \$32,569.51 in the treasury, \$13,473 of that is a grant from the City of Elk Grove.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jane reported that \$525 was donated in honor of Helen Mahon Reynolds. She sent the donors each a thank you note. She also sent seven invitations to the Grand Opening event held on April 19, 2003.

**RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT:** No report

**GENEALOGY GROUP REPORT:** Anne passed around a draft 2004 fund-raising calendar. The pictures will be the same as the draft, and verbiage will be added. The Genealogy Group voted to sell the calendars for \$20 each. Their next meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Lochie Wilder Paige will be the guest speaker.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Opening Day, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – It was great!
- **Fund Raiser** - Lucille reported that the Lent house will not be ready in October for our tour, so she and her co-chair Lorraine are looking for another home to tour. As soon as they decide on a house, they will figure out the mileage between houses and let the bus company know the distance. The Dalton House, the Mosher House and the Smith House were mentioned as possible tour sites.
- **Picture of James Hall** – Tom said we have a picture of James Hall that we have hanging right by the front door of the museum. It was suggested that we give the City of Elk Grove a copy of the picture. Sandi moved that we spend up to \$200 for a framed picture and present it to the city. Jane seconded the motion and it was approved.
- **Need to Paint the Court/Jail Roof** – Tom reported we have two bids for painting the roof – Masters Painting Co. for \$585 and Steele's Painting for \$786. New Horizons didn't give a bid since they do not paint commercial buildings anymore. Jeanette moved that we approve the bid for up to \$600. Frances seconded the motion, and it passed.
- **Hand Rails for the Ramp** – The building inspector suggested that we get round, grab-able handrails for the handicapped ramp. We also need a sign reading "step down" at the back porch. Frances suggested we also paint a white strip on the stairs so people with poor vision can see the step. Tom will look into all of this.
- **Purchases Since Last Meeting** - Tom reported he bought a lawn mower and a trimmer/blower combination for a little under \$700,

### NEW BUSINESS:



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- Tom advised the Board that the museum will be open for the Western Festival on May 3 and May 4 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Carmel and Jane volunteered to be docents on Saturday.
- The Board discussed what days the museum will be open to the public. Jane moved that we open the museum the first Saturday of the month, starting with Western Festival in May, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Special tours will be available by phoning the docent chair.
- Rather than charge for admittance, it was suggested that Tom make a cute bank (like he did for the Rhoads School, and we ask for donations from people who tour the museum.
- The Board agreed that our June meeting will be a picnic. It will be held on the third Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be a pot luck and the society will provide drinks and paper products. People will need to bring card tables.
- The following motions/suggestions were made and approved to spend some of the \$13,473 remaining from City of Elk Grove grant:
  - Carmel moved that we purchase a flat, five-drawer filing cabinet and stand for \$1400. Allen seconded the motion, and it passed.
  - Anne moved that we purchase a 40 gigabyte external hard drive for the computer in the museum office. Jeannette seconded the motion, and it was approved.
  - Sandi suggested we spend some of the money on landscaping the yard and putting in a rose garden. Allen and Rosie volunteered to find a Master Gardner in the area and come up with a bid for the next meeting.
- Jeanette advised the group that the house next to Capitol Nursery was built by a friend's great, great grandfather. Dennis suggested the City of Elk Grove needs to have a city historic register. Tom reported that he has asked Rick Soares for a City Historic Preservation ordinance. Rick sent the request to the planning commission. Tom will phone the city and find out what is happening with the ordinance. Tom and Dennis will get together to develop a list of the historic homes to present to the city council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Russell*

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Recording Secretary