

**Elk Grove Historical Society**  
**Minutes of August 18, 2003 Board Meeting**

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President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were nine board members and the co-chair of the Tour of Homes in attendance. Those present were:

Dennis Buscher  
Frances Fite  
Sandi Russell  
Allen Wise

Lucille Christensen  
Dorothy Hrepich  
Tom Russell

Lorraine Croup  
Jeanette Lawson  
Carmel Silva

**MINUTES:** Dennis moved that the June board and general minutes be approved as printed and distributed; Lucille seconded the motion and it passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of August 18, 2003, the society has a grand total of \$19,205.34. Dennis explained how some funds are used; for example, the Luttig Memorial Fund is to be used for hotel landscaping and the Lamp Fund is to be used to purchase lighting fixtures. All the funds have been disbursed from the grant the City of Elk Grove gave the society last fiscal year.

Tom reported that we only asked for enough grant money (\$3,250) to update the fire-alarm system to integrate the basement sprinkler system, to upgrade the back entrance for safety, and to purchase metal shelving for the basement.

**RHOADS SCHOOL:** Frances is meeting with the docents to schedule classes. The school already has requests for more classes than they held last year. Last year they had a little over 50 classes, and they already have 60 requests this year. Frances mentioned that the school might be getting two more docents.

**GENEALOGY GROUP:** Jeannette reported that the group has sold 40 to 45 calendars and they should have them ready by September. She also suggested that the Historical Society have a booth at the Harvest Festival. It was mentioned that it was expensive. She said she would check into the cost and get back to the board. She reminded Sandi that she is supposed to make a certificate for the Boy Scout (Keaton Riley) who did so much work for the Genealogy Group. Sandi will have it ready for the next meeting so it can be presented to him. The next Genealogy meeting is Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at the museum at 7 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Tour of Homes:** Lucille reported that Leslie Ostman will do the food; the menu will be a chicken tamale and a cheese tamale, salad, a fruit cup, and cookies. The following people volunteered to help Lorraine and Lucille at the museum the day of the tour:
  - Dorothy Hrepich
  - Dennis Buscher
  - Carmel Silva
  - Sandi Russell
  - Tom Russell

Dorothy and Sandi also volunteered to help make the tamales along with Lucille and Lorraine. It was decided to make at least 200 tamales.

Lorraine reported that ticket sales are going well. She has checks for 21 with the possibility of another 13 people. She would like to have 50 people so she requested another article be put in each newspaper.

- **Picture of James Hall:** Sandi bought an inexpensive oval frame through a catalog which the society can use to give a picture of James Hall to the city. Dennis volunteered to donate an oval frame to the society so we can display James Hall's picture in an oval frame at the museum.
- **Repair of Floor in Mary's Room and the Museum Office:** The repair has been paid for; it has to be scheduled for sometime after the first weekend in September.



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Review of Sacramento County Agreements for CSD Meeting:** Tom brought all the agreement he could find that have been written over the years between the society and Sacramento County. The purpose was to review the agreements and determine what we wanted to ask the Community Services District (CSD) for when representatives of the society meet with them. Since CSD is taking over the Elk Grove Park on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the society needs to move quickly on this. Tom, Dennis, and Carmel volunteered to meet, review the papers, and determine what we want from CSD. The three will meet at the museum at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Nominating Committee:** Dorothy volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. Frances and Lucille volunteered to serve on the committee.
- **Monthly Museum Opening:** Sandi explained that the Senior Citizen Board is going to hold a meeting at the museum on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy and Sandi will clean the museum on August 28<sup>th</sup> so it will be clean for both their meeting and the September 6<sup>th</sup> opening. Allen and Rosie Wise and Betty Lewis will be the docents on duty on September 6<sup>th</sup> and Tom will open the museum and take care of the parking lot. Jeannette, Betty and Jane Morse will be the docents for the October 4<sup>th</sup> opening and Dennis will handle the parking lot and museum opening duties.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- **Yard Sale:** Dennis is in charge of the sale. The board decided it would be on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the museum parking lot. It will start at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. The museum will be open that day to visitors from 12 to 4 p.m. Pricing will be done on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pictures:** Allen brought copies of a picture of the group who worked at the museum opening. The picture taken by Laura Bemis of the *Citizen* and they come with a frame. They were for sale for \$5 each. Dorothy moved and Carmel seconded that the society buy two pictures – one for the museum and one for the Rhoads School. The motion passed.
- **Gold Rush Days:** Allen also read a letter from Mademoiselle Roulette Gamble encouraging society members to attend Gold Rush Days to be held in Old Sacramento August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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