

## Elk Grove Historical Society January 6, 2003 Board Meeting

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President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were seven board members present which constituted a quorum. Those present were:

Dennis Buscher	Lucille Christesen,	Lorraine Croup	Frances Fite
Dorothy Hrepich	Jeanette Lawson	Dave Morse	Jane Morse
Tom Russell	Sandi Russell	Ann Trussell	Allen Wise
Rosie Wise			

### Minutes:

Secretary Sandi presented the minutes of the November Board meeting. Jane moved and Dorothy seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as printed. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dennis reported that in a preliminary report dated 12/31/2002 (he hasn't gotten all the year-end paperwork yet) the society has a total of \$44,782.71. \$22,846.90 of that is money remaining from the \$37,330 grant the City of Elk Grove gave the society and \$6,850 is savings from the Grace Brown Memorial. Dennis gave a separate report on the city grant by category. We have spent about a third of the money and need to spend the remainder by June 30, 2003.

### Standing Committee Reports:

**Rhoads School:** Frances reported that classes will start in mid-February and continue until mid-June.

**Genealogy Group:** Ann reported the Genealogy Group mailed 60 family history archive requests recently. So far, they haven't gotten any replies, but it is early. Jeanette added that the Group purchased two new books: *The Sacramento Guide*, published in 1939 and *Grimshaw's Narrative*, published in 1964. Grimshaw arrived in the Elk Grove area in 1848 and some of his descendants still live in the area today, Ellen Rose being one.

### Old Business

**Purchase of Dining Room Table:** At the November general meeting, Joyce Amundson moved and Sandi seconded the motion that the Historical Society purchase, with Board approval, the 10' long mahogany table with eight chairs that Dennis procured for the museum dinning room. The table and chairs cost \$1,600. The Board agreed with the vote of the general meeting so Dorothy moved and Jane seconded the motion that the society purchases the table with some of the \$6,850 from the Grace Brown Memorial Fund. The motion passed.

Dennis had also provided a kitchen table that cost \$825. Sandi moved and Jane seconded the motion to purchase the kitchen table also from the Grace Brown Memorial Fund. The motion passed.

### April 12<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening:

- Building Permit signoff:
  - Tom reported that, in order to pass building inspection prior to the grand opening, we must complete the repairs to the deck. There are two support beams that are in bad shape. Carmel obtained a contractor who started working on the deck in October, 2002; however, he hasn't been back to complete the work. Carmel will be asked to call the contractor back and either he will finish the deck or we will have to hire another contractor. The current contractor has not billed us for his work yet.
  - The lock on the back door to the deck has been fixed, and Tom will calk the cellar doors.



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- Docents:
  - Sandi said the Docents are doing fine. They had a dress rehearsal at our pre-opening.
  - Two more people have asked to be docents.
- Basement Office: At the last Board meeting, Sandi volunteered to develop a plan for the society's office in the museum basement. She distributed an initial plan showing the area is approximately 24'x36' and recommends we start off by using the 12'x24' area next to the basement door leading outside as our office. She recommends the society:
  - Take everything out of the area and put it in the remaining 2/3 basement area, then clean and paint the office walls, clean and paint the old doors that are currently stored in the basement and hinge them together to form partitions. The partitions can be placed in front of the outside doors, the electrical panel, and between the office and the remainder of the basement.
  - Purchase light fixtures to hang from the ceiling and shelving for the other 2/3s of the basement. However the shelving can wait a little while until the office is completed

Sandi would like to get the office completed by April because the computer that the Genealogy Group will procure should be here in April. Everyone seemed to like the plan, and Dorothy volunteered to help Sandi paint. Tom said we would really have to mop the floors due to the flooding that we used to have. She said we would need two gallons of white paint to start. No votes were taken on procuring the paint or light fixtures.

**Display Committee:** Tom again mentioned that the society needs volunteers for a committee to represent the society at fairs and festivals (e.g., Strawberry Festival in Florin, the Harvest Festival, the Red, White, and Blue Celebration) and man a Historical Society display. The Genealogy Group has a display, but doesn't want to be responsible for attending the various affairs and manning the booth. Sandi suggested that every member of the board should go looking for volunteers among the members. Dennis asked if there is an up-to-date roster. Tom said his roster is a year old, but he has tried to keep it up to date so he will send Board members a roster via e-mail.

**Beeman's Car:** Dennis has the Beeman's car stored on his property. Thank you Dennis.

### New Business

**Ways & Means - Historical Bus Tour:** Lucille and Lorraine are thinking of getting a bus tour of historical sites together as a fundraiser. They suggested one stop could be the Rosebud Mansion, and we could end at the hotel and serve tea and cookies. They are thinking of having the event during the first part of June. The board liked this idea a lot. Lucille and Lorraine will work on the idea and get back to the board.

**Fire Inspection:** Tom reported that on December 28, 2002, the Fire Department conducted a surprise fire inspection on the hotel/museum. There were a few items sighted; however, the museum passed inspection. The items sighted were:

- The fire extinguishers need to be hung on walls and "Fire Extinguisher" signs placed by them.
- The actual address for the hotel/museum is on Park Way; however, the fire Department wants us to advise the alarm company that the address needs to be changed to 8701 East Stockton.
- The outdoor fire hydrant has to be locked.
- The area in front of the red box on the wall by the air conditioner in the basement has to be cleared away.

Jane will write a letter to the alarm company and Tom and Sandi will take care of the rest.



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**June Pot Luck Picnic:** Discussion on this was postponed until we get closer to June.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Jane read a letter to Elizabeth Pinkerton, which was cc'ed to the historical Society from Mark Whiteman. In it, Mr. Whiteman relayed some family history.
- Tom mentioned that he is discussing with CSD the possibility of putting a second set of gates on the <sup>East</sup> West Stockton Boulevard side of the park right after the entrance to our parking lot.
- **It was decided to hold the Board meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2003.**



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President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. There were ten board members present which constituted a quorum. Those present were:

Dennis Buscher	Lucille Christesen,	Lorraine Croup	Frances Fite
Dorothy Hrepich	Jeanette Lawson	Jane Morse	Tom Russell
Sandi Russell	Carmel Silva	Allen Wise	Rosie Wise

**Minutes:** Sandi read the minutes of the previous meeting. Rosie corrected the minutes to read the gates in the park would be on East not West Stockton Boulevard. Carmel moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and Jane seconded the motion. It carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Dennis said the treasurer's report was the same as at the last general meeting. Then he went on to explain that he had contacted the executor of George Carlisle's will. The executor is Don Braziel whose phone number is (916) 682-1083, and his mailing address is 11097 Grenache Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. George Carlisle left the Elk Grove Historical Society \$10,000 in his will when he passed away one and one-half years ago. At the advise of his CPA, executor Braziel has said the funds will not be distributed until Carlisle's wife either dies or moves out of the house. This may take several years.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Jane sent a fax to Honeywell Security about changing the address of the museum; however, she told them the new address was on West Stockton rather than East Stockton. She will correct the misinformation.

She also sent thank you cards to the people who donated to Ita Wolff's memorial fund. She will send E.H. Wolff a letter telling the names of the people who donated, but not the amount. She gave Dennis two checks totaling \$100 for Ita's memorial fund; this brings the amount donated to \$465.

**Rhoads School Report:** Frances reported that the school committee is having a meeting next week and will discuss what to do with the Ita Wolff memorial money. She also reported that Jim Ring is almost finished repairing the school porch.

**Genealogy Group Report:** Jeanette reported that they ran the microfiche reader and it is okay except they are going to replace the toner cartridge.

She also reported the group is planning to make a historical calendar for 2004 with historical pictures of Elk Grove, and then sell them as a fund raiser for the group.

Ann Trussell found a diary that lists the Halls and their trip coming overland. It shows they came from Galena, Illinois. Jeanette said that might not have been their original home, but a stopping place prior to heading west.

Allen has asked the Genealogy Group to put on the program at the next general meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **City inspection** - Tom sent e-mail to Mayor Rick Soares because Rick said he would try to help us get a complementary inspection. If Rick doesn't respond soon, Tom will call the city for an inspection.



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2. **Basement office** – Sandi reported that she and Tom and three high school boys who were working off their community service hours moved the furniture in the basement and mopped and vacuumed the floor on Saturday. She also explained that we can't paint the walls, but she may have someone who will donate acoustical paneling that can be pasted on the walls. This same person may possibly donate acoustical ceiling tiles also.
3. **Park access/passes** - Tom reported that the County is working on the volunteer passes.
4. **Paper sorting project** - Dennis reported that the scout has written up his project and is getting approval. He should have final approval soon, and then he gets the people together and starts on the project. He needs to be completed by mid-April.
5. **Fundraisers** – Lucille reported that she and Lorraine are thinking of having the house tour in October rather than earlier in the years as they had originally thought. They still want the Rosebud on the tour and then come back to the hotel/museum for lunch. Another fundraiser could be a dinner at the hotel. The food would be prepared in five different kitchens and brought to the hotel.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion about painting the jail doors and fixing the basement outside door (putting a smaller door in the larger door) and fixing all to be waterproof. Sandi moved that the society get the basement door fixed and jail cells painted out of the building fund and that two or three bids are procured for the work. Dorothy seconded the motion, and it passed.

Dennis distributed information about safes from Costco. This safe would be placed in the basement and used to store the rare books the Genealogy Group is collecting. Sandi moved that the society purchase the Cannon Executive safe that is fire-resistant for \$675 + tax. Frances seconded the motion, and it passed.

Tom asked the board if the society still want to belong to the Chamber. After some discussion it was decided that Tom will ask Membership Chair Elaine Wright to send the Chamber an invoice for \$25.

It was decided to hold the board meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, immediately prior to the general meeting. Therefore, the next board meeting will be at the museum on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the next general meeting will be at the museum on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Sandi Russell  
Recording Secretary