

## Elk Grove Historical Society Minutes of May 19, 2003 Board Meeting

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President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. There were 4 members and 10 board present which constituted a quorum. Those present were:

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of May 19, 2003, the society has a grand total of \$34,170.37 in the treasury, \$13,473.30 of that is a grant from the City of Elk Grove.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jane reported that she sent two more thank you letters in honor of Helen Mahon Reynolds, a thank you letter to a gentleman who donated a suit of clothes in the 1800s style, and acknowledgement letters to the various stops on the up-coming Tour of Homes.

**RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT:** Frances reported that Arnie Zimbelman completed the tack-shed, which includes a horse. She reported they had a minor injury at the school when a child ran into the open shed door. Since the accident, the Rhodes School has a new policy requiring the doors to be closed unless the Tack Shed is actually being shown. She also brought an accident form from Colton Insurance. She doesn't think the form is useful for the school, but wanted to share it with the Board. Sandi has some background in accident reporting and volunteered to review it.

**GENEALOGY GROUP REPORT:** Jeanette reported that Lochie Wilder Paige, descendent of the Donner Party, was the guest speaker at their May meeting. She also said that the group would like to change their newsletter articles to quarterly articles with a change in format. Frances said there would be no problems filling in the space in the newsletter.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Western Festival Opening:** Tom reported that there weren't many visitors the two days we were open for the Western Festival.
- **Fundraiser – Tour of Homes:** Lucille and Lorraine reported that the tour will take place October 11; those attending will meet the bus at the Bel Air parking lot; the bus will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and the menu for the lunch, which will be served at the hotel, will be tamales, salad, dessert (e.g., cookies or brownies) and a beverage. Tour stops will be:
  - The Yvonne Bonacci's home
  - The McConnell (Wackman) Estate Winery
  - The Hotel and Stage Stop Museum
  - A Victorian, catalog home
  - The Victorian Rosebud ranch
- **James Hall Picture:** Tom hasn't had an opportunity to purchase a frame and have an oval picture of James Hall reproduced for presentation to the City of Elk Grove. He will take care of it soon.



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- **Painting of the Jail Roof:** Tom had two bids for painting the roof, Steel Painting bid \$786 and Masters Painting bid \$585. Masters Painting will start painting the roof soon.
- **Hand Railing for Disabled Ramp:** Tom is trying to contact Orlan Glantz to install the railing.
- **June Picnic:** Lorraine suggested that the June picnic could be held at the John Hayes Farm on Gerber Road. She said that the farm is full of antiques and memorabilia. They have a forge, barbershop, tin bathhouse, tractors, old cars, room of toys, and a picture room, among other things. She volunteered to check to see if we could hold our June Picnic meeting there. If we can't, the June Picnic will be held at the Hotel and Stage Stop Museum.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Docents:** Sandi read the people on the docent list, and Jane volunteered to be a docent. Sandi will call a meeting of the docents to be held at the museum so we can set up a schedule for the remainder of the year. The museum will be open the first Saturday of each month from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Milk House:** Tom reported that the prospective Eagle Scout has finished his preliminary work and has started rebuilding the milk house. It is half finished already.
- **Next Board Meeting:** Since the next general meeting will be a picnic and not a picnic, the next Board Meeting will be Wednesday June 4th at the museum at 6:30 p.m.
- **Grant Money:** We still have grant money available to landscape the yard. Sandi moved that, if by June 4th we have not found a landscape contractor to work on the back yard, we order a microfilm of the early *Elk Grove Citizen*. Carmel seconded the motion and it passed.

Sandi moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Jane seconded the motion. It passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Russell*

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Recording Secretary