

Elk Grove Historical Society
Minutes of November 17, 2003 Board Meeting

President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 5: 37` p.m. Those present were:

Dennis Buscher
Frances Fite
Jane Morse
Carmel Silva

Lucille Christensen
Dorothy Hrepich
Sandi Russell
Anne Trussell

Lorraine Croup
Jeanette Lawson
Tom Russell
Allen Wise

MINUTES: Sandi distributed the October Board minutes to those who hadn't received or read an e-mail copy. Frances moved that the minutes be approved; Allen seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$1,664 in the General Fund, \$2,318 in the Rhoads School Account, \$1,736 in the Generations Account, \$4,806 in the Building Fund, \$3,250 in the Grant Fund, \$11,275 in the Grace Brown Memorial, \$1,255 in the Luttig Memorial, \$260 in the Lamp Fund, \$685 In the Helen Reynolds Memorial, and \$2741 in Savings. These figures are all rounded off to the nearest dollar.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT: Frances reported that the flagpole found in the yard of an old house on Kent Street did not come from the Rhoads School. The people who recently bought the house were told that it did. Since no one in the Society believes it was at the school, Frances will e-mail the people and advise them of our findings.

GENEALOGY GROUP REPORT: Jeanette reported that they have only about 30 calendars left to sell. They are going to make arrangements to sell them at the Dickens Faire. Jeannette will also put an ad in the *Elk Grove Citizen*.

Anne reported that the third annual Cemetery Tour was very successful. The first year there were 12-15 people, the second year there were 60 and this year there were 90+ people in attendance. Next year they may charge a nominal fee and/or tour the Franklin Cemetery.

The Genealogy Group's next meeting is scheduled for December 4th at 7 p.m. They will be reviewing all the resources available for research that are housed at the Society's museum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nomination Committee: Dorothy reported that they still need a 1st Vice President and a Recording Secretary. Since the 1st Vice President is in charge of fund raising and everyone should help with that, it was decided that we could forgo that office, if necessary; but we still need a Recording Secretary.

Christmas Party: Jane and Sandi are co-chairs. The party will be held on our regular meeting night in December starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be just like the previous party – a potluck with the pic-a-dilly raffle, and installation of new officers. Jane, Frances, Carmel and Sandi will be decorating the museum at 9 a.m. on December 3rd. Hopefully Joyce Amundson will play the piano, and Sandi will check with an acquaintance, Mike Frei, about performing.

Memorial for Grace Brown Whiteman: At the October meeting, the Board voted to purchase a bench and a plaque for up to \$600 to honor Grace Brown Whiteman. Sandi reported that she found a bench

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and plaque through CSD that could be purchased and installed for \$700; however the bench is a metal mesh bench. The Board decided they would rather have cement, and Jeanette purchased a cement bench and plaque a couple of before for about \$700; she said she would e-mail the information to Sandi.

NEW BUSINESS:

Museum Vacuum Cleaner: Dorothy reported that the vacuum cleaner at the museum is broken. Carmel moved that we purchase a new vacuum cleaner for not more than \$200. Jane seconded the motion and it passed. Dorothy will look into it.

Display Case: Lorraine and Lucille attended a meeting at which they were offered a 5' wide by 5' high display case. Now they need two men with a pick up who can help move it to the museum. We will ask at the General Meeting.

Kiosk and Deck Staining: The young man, Steve Meeker, who built the kiosk as his Eagle Scout project contacted Tom about staining the kiosk. They have chosen the color of stain and he will be staining the kiosk. In the meantime, Jim Wright had volunteered to stain it so, instead of the kiosk, Jim will stain the deck which also needs to be stained.

Bicycle Path: CSD has put in a bicycle path immediately next to our private entrance. So our entrance is much more narrow.

CSD Changes: CSD is going to hire a new alarm company. Tom will ask them to use the same code and also see if we can have the basement sprinkler tied in with the alarm system at the same time. CSD has also put in new locks so our old master locks will not work any longer. The old ones will be used on the milk house and jail so we don't have to remember combinations anymore.

501C3 Donation Receipts: Since the Society is a 501C3 organization, Sandi suggested that the Society give receipts to anyone who donates an item, whether it be for the museum or for our yard sale, etc. Sandi volunteered to make a receipt we can use until we get the Past Perfect software going on our computer because that software has a receipt, which it prints out whenever a donated item is entered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary