

## **Elk Grove Historical Society Minutes of October 20, 2003 Board Meeting**

President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 5: 40 p.m. Those present were:

Dennis Buscher  
Dorothy Hrepich  
Tom Russell

Lucille Christensen  
Jane Morse  
Carmel Silva

Frances Fite  
Sandi Russell  
Allen Wise

**MINUTES:** Sandi distributed the September Board minutes. Frances corrected the minutes to read that the Optimists donated two scholarships to the Rhoads School rather than one. Allen moved that the minutes be approved as corrected; Dorothy seconded the motion and it passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dennis presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$2,896.15 in the General Fund, \$2,167.63 Rhoads School Account, \$1,507.23 in the Generations Account, \$4,805.79 in the Building Fund, \$3,250 in the Grant Fund, \$16,216.21 in various savings accounts for a grand total of \$30,843.01. Frances asked if the \$200 check from the Optimists has been cashed. Allen & Sandi will check with the Optimists on that.

Dennis also reported that the Society has received a billing from the IRS for \$660 in penalty fees for late filing of our information tax form. The form were filed assuming the Society was on a December year end when actually the Society is on a November year end. All agreed that since the information form is an "information only" filing with no taxes due as a 501(c)(3), the penalty seems excessive. Dennis will write a letter requesting the penalty be abated for reasonable cause.

He also reminded the Board that the late Alvin Bartholomew donated \$100 to the Society to purchase a projection screen that can be hung in the dining room of the hotel/museum. Tom will look into it.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jane reported that she wrote several pieces of correspondence regarding the home tour – both letters answering questions and thank you letters.

**RHADS SCHOOL REPORT:** Frances reported that the first day of the school year is October 21. She also said that Jim Ring found some rotten sub floor in the school and has repaired it.

**GENEALOGY GROUP REPORT:** Dennis reported that the Genealogy Group taken in \$1,077 in calendar sales with \$232 in expenses and have made \$845. At this point, they have only sold about half the calendars.

He also reported that their annual Cemetery tour on November 1, representing the Day of Dead. They will have a calendar on display.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tour Fundraiser:** Lucille reported that we made a profit of \$1,167. The tour was a great success. Everyone who went thoroughly enjoyed him/herself touring the gorgeous and unusual homes/hotels and eating the delicious food prepared under the excellent tutelage of Lesley Ostman. Some members of the Board were on the tour and some members helped, but everyone had a good time and thanked Lucille and Lorraine for such an excellent event.

**House Cleaner:** Dorothy has arranged for a housekeeper to clean the museum and restroom the last Thursday of each month for \$100 a month. Carmel moved that we pay a housekeeper \$100 a month to clean the museum. Jane seconded the motion and it passed.



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**Yard Sale:** Dennis reported that people should bring yard sale items to the museum starting at noon on Friday, October 24. Those who wish to help price should be at the museum at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. The actual yard sale will take place on November 1, starting at 8 a.m. It was decided that the museum would be open to the public its normal monthly hours from 12 noon to 4 p.m. that same day.

**Nomination Committee:** Dorothy reported that the only position for which we have a nominee is the office of Treasurer. The election will be next month and the installation will be in December.

**Memorial for Grace Brown Whiteman:** Tom suggested that we purchase a bench in memorial to Grace Brown Whiteman. Sandi moved that we purchase a bench for up to \$600 for Grace Brown Whiteman and a plaque. Jane seconded the motion and it passed. Sandi will look into the bench.

**Floor Renovation in Mary Mauger's Room and the Upstairs Office:** Tom advised everyone that all the furniture is out of both rooms and the company Wood Pro will start on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. They have promised the floor will be completed by Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> so it has enough time to dry before the following weekend tour. He will need help getting the furniture back in the rooms before the housekeeper comes on Thursday.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Party:** The Christmas Party will be held on our normal December meeting day, December 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be a potluck and pic-a-dilly raffle. Jane and Sandi will co-chair the event.

**Park Passes:** Normal entry to the Elk Grove Park is free; however, they charge on special event days. Jerry Fox is working on getting park passes for the Historical Society on those days.

**Kiosk:** Tom said that we need someone to be in charge of staining the kiosk before the rains start; he also said it would be nice if someone could complete the information inside (date the log). Since no one volunteered, he will bring it up at the general meeting.

**Membership Brochures:** Tom advised the Board that we are running out of brochures. He brought a set of masters and asked for a volunteer to have them printed. Frances volunteered.

**Chamber Dues:** Tom asked the Board if we want to join the Chamber again. He explained that last year Elaine Wright was to offer a swap to the Chamber - Historical Society dues for Chamber dues - that would leave \$25 due. We have received no word from Elaine. Sandi moved and Carmel seconded the motion that we do not join the chamber. Motion passed.

**Date of Next Meetings:** The next board meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The next general meeting will be held the same evening at 7 p.m. The speaker at the general meeting will be Walter Gray III, State Archivist.

Carmel moved that the board meeting be adjourned and Frances seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.