

**Elk Grove Historical Society  
Minutes of September 15, 2003 Board Meeting**

President Tom Russell called the board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting started with six board members; however, two more came in a few minutes after the meeting started making the board attendance eight. Also in attendance was the co-chair of the Tour of Homes, the chair of the Genealogy Group's Calendar Sales, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's wife for a total of 11 attendees. Those present were:

Lucille Christensen  
Jeanette Lawson  
Sandi Russell  
Allen Wise

Lorraine Croup  
Jane Morse  
Tom Russell  
Rosie Wise

Frances Fite  
Donna Olovson  
Carmel Silva

**MINUTES:** Carmel moved that the August board minutes be approved as printed and distributed; Jane seconded the motion and it passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As the Treasurer was on vacation in Europe, there was no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jane read the correspondence:

1. Invitation to various ceremonies recognizing burial plots of indigent throughout the county.
2. Invitation to an Elegant Dessert Social celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Sacramento County Historical Society on September 30th at 7 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center Auditorium, 4623 T Street, Sacramento. There is a \$5 donation.

**GENEALOGY GROUP:** Jeannette and Donna reported that the group completed their calendars and have sold 31 of 100. They are going to sell the calendars at the Harvest Festival on October 4th and 5th from 10 to 5. They will also be distributing information about the Historical Society. A sign-up sheet was circulated for people to help at the booth. Members who weren't in attendance will be contacted.

**RHOADS SCHOOL:** Frances advised the board that the Optimist Club has donated a scholarship to the Rhoads School. This scholarship added to the existing ones will make six scholarships for this school year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Tour of Homes:** Lorraine reported that the tickets are sold out and one person is on standby. We will have 4 or 5 people in their cars at the first home in Wilton to help people get from the street to the house. Those people should be at the home at about 9:15 a.m. since the bus is due to arrive around 9:30. The Cowgirls will be in costume at the first house and they will also be at the hotel and do their act and help serve. Lucille reported that Leslie Ostman and she and Lorraine would be at the hotel on September 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 a.m. to make the tamales. Others volunteered to help on the 18<sup>th</sup> also.
- **Repair of Floor in Mary's Room and the Museum Office:** Tom will have the floor repaired after the tour on October 11<sup>th</sup> and before November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **City Grant:** The Society received the paper work and a check for \$3200 from the city for our grant. The biggest part will pay for hooking up the sprinkler system in the basement into the alarm system.
- **CSD Park News:** Carmel and Tom met with CSD. CSD is going to meet all the agreements we had with the county and they will maintain the parking lot and grounds. We will have to make quarterly reports to CSD on what we are doing and how we are progressing. CSD will take care of the property insurance. They asked that we contact CSD first when do work at the hotel or school that is to be reimbursed by CSD.



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Kiosk Project:** Tom reported that Steve Meeker completed the kiosk as his Eagle Scout project. He will paint it if we wish in about a month when he returns to the area. Sandi moved that the Society stain the kiosk ourselves and Carmel seconded the motion. It passed.
- **Self-Guided Tours:** Tom suggested that the Society devise a self-guided tour so that when a docent cannot take someone on a tour, the person can take a tour by himself if we make signs with interesting text at/about each object in the museum. Sandi suggested that if the members could research and write notes on the different objects, Carmel and Rosie could write the information in a uniform manner and she (Sandi) will make the signs on the computer. Frances moved and Jane seconded the motion that the Society implement self-guided tours as explained above. The motion passed.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Rosie reminded those present that the pictures Laura Bemis took at the museum opening are still available for \$5.
- Tom said that the wedding dress is going back to Mary Mauger's after the 11th of October.
- Tom reminded those present that the **NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE OCT. 20TH AT 5:30 P.M.** and the general meeting at 7:00 P.M.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Russell*

Sandi Russell, Recording Secretary  
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