

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2004 BOARD MEETING**

President Milton Webb called the board meeting to order at 5:45 PM at the Kerr Middle School Multi Purpose Room. Board members present were;
Milt Webb, Joyce Amundson, Dennis Buscher, Carmel Silva, Frances Fite, Jeanette Lawson, Tom Russell, Poet Laureate Joe Fabel.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as emailed and posted.

Treasurer's report given by Dennis Buscher is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 98.38
Rhoads School Fund	1,538.43
Generations Fund	1,166.31
Building Fund	4,809.44
City Grant for Shelving/Doors	3,250.00
Luttig Memorial	1,255.00
Lamp Fund	260.00
Grace Brown Memorial	11,275.00
Helen Reynolds Memorial	685.00
Miscellaneous Savings	<u>2,741.21</u>
Total	\$ 27,078.77

Dennis Buscher gave an update on the Foulks Ranch historic buildings. The board approved sending a letter of intent to the owner, Frank Staffies to move the 1854 house and the school building to the Elk Grove Hotel & Museum site and that a steering committee be established to oversee the various requirements involved in the projects. The CSD and City will be contacted in coordination of this recommendation.

June 5th Open House of the Hotel was discussed. It will be open to the public, also invitations will be sent. Each board member was requested to provide 5 to 10 people to Milt for invitations to be sent. Milt will contact Lance of the Elk Grove Citizen for publicity. Jeanette will make arrangements for chicken which the Historical Society will provide. The Society will also provide soft drinks and serving items. Tables & chairs will be provided by Dennis, with Milt and Tom assisting.

Dan Kunz of the CSD will provide advice on the brick problem on the building.

A work day was established for May 29th - 9 am to 3 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Milt's old car will be entered in the Western Festival. Elliot Mulberg will contact a city official to ride in the entry.

The Hotel will be open as well as the Rhoads School on May 1st - 1:00 to 5:00 PM
Passes to get in the Park will be obtained by Tom.

Insurance company must be contacted for off site events coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm and will continue following the General Meeting.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, CONTINUED

The board meeting resumed at 9:00 pm. for a short time.

President Milt directed each board member to send in their report on the various items on page 2 of the board agenda within 4 days to the Secretary who will combine them and send them to the board.

Signage:

Hotel Open House – (Tom's comments) The signs have been made and will be put on the Hotel fence this week (April 19) Thanks Tom, Milt

Mag Plates – Parade Cars – Milt will check

Docent Package:

Joe - Please review.

Adopt in May 2004 (Tom's comments) This is a living document and should not contain specific history. Possibly this document should be used as a guide and the docent study material would be in a separate package and continually updated.

Joe: Please Note, We'll have both documents available for docents to review. Thanks.

Chamber Mixer Will be discussed at next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Generations – Report at next meeting.

Rhoads School – Fountain Dedication. Frances announced the dedication of the Ita Wolff brick water fountain will be held on May 15, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rhoads School. Invitations to this event have been mailed.

Grounds: Tom - A list of projects that need to be accomplished around the hotel was sent to Milt. These are not super major projects but things that need being done.

Basement Doors: Please update at next board meeting. Can we appropriate and spend money before June 30, 2004? Will discuss at next meeting.

Grant Request: Tom - Two grant requests were submitted to the City of Elk Grove. One request was for \$6,450.00 for repairs and upgrades to the hotel. The second request was for \$150,000.00 to move two buildings on the Foulks Ranch to Historical Society property. This request was in anticipation of city approving developers request to build houses and the need to move houses. City still has the option to save the Foulks Ranch buildings and make the 7 acres into a historical part. No request has been submitted to the city yet so the second grant may be a mute grant request.

Bench Dedication: Tom - The bench is yet to be ordered. We will need to get something down so we can take it to the bench company and have the plaque made and installed into the bench. They will deliver it and place it. IF we want a special place, graveled or crushed granite, then we need to design it and make it ready for delivery. Mark Wightman usually delivers the check at the September meeting and I think it would be nice to have the meeting at the hotel so we can unveil it while he is in town.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, CONTINUED

New Business:

Citizen of Year Committee – Discuss at next meeting
Need for Master Plan? Discuss at next meeting
Review May Meeting: Program? Milt will contact Dorothy Hrepich.
Chamber of Commerce donation – No
Strauss Festival donation – No
Gift Donations, Morse Table – Letter form from Carmel & Joyce –
Please coordinate.

Priorities, Hotel Presentations: Tom - The highest priority in my opinion is to complete the museum. We have a building and we have some furnishings but we need to design it into a museum rather than just a reconstruction of a house. We still have maintenance and trimmings to complete. Some of this can be volunteer and some may be professional help.

Project List handouts to board – Next meeting

Joyce Amundson, Recording Secretary