

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

President Milt Webb called the board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present were:

Milt Webb	Carmel Silva	Jim Wright
Dennis Buscher	Anne Trussell	Elaine Wright
Frances Fite	Joe Fabel	Jeannette Lawson
Joyce Amundson	Dorothy Hrepich	Tom Russell
Lance Armstrong		

Minutes: The previous minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's report: Dennis presented the Treasurer's Report. In the General Fund there is \$1,329.62; in the Rhoads School Fund \$2,123.12; in the Generations Fund \$1,612.79; in the Building Fund \$4,809.44; in the City Grant for Shelving \$3,250.00; in the Luttig Memorial \$1,255.00; the Lamp Fund \$260.00; the Grace Brown Memorial \$11,275.00; the Helen Reynolds Memorial \$685.00; Miscellaneous Savings \$2,741.21. The total is \$29,341.18. Report approved.

Correspondence. No Report

Genealogy Group: Janette reported there is a meeting on Feb. 5. They will be discussing the planned Franklin Cemetery Tour.

Rhoads School: Frances reported that classes are filled for the year. Note: The Rhoads School board approved limiting class visits to 3rd and 4th grade students due to full scheduling and more appropriate curriculum.

Old Business:

Several items and issues were discussed i.e.:

Membership – Elaine reported that dues are from 1 Jan to 31 December of each year. She does allow dues paid in October and November to be considered for the following year. A Membership Drive is needed to attract additional members

Attendance at the Elk Grove City Hall Council meetings. In the public comment on the City agenda Elaine plans to give a brief description of the Hotel events and suggest council members join the Historical Society. Membership in the Chamber and their membership in the Historical Society discussed. A Chamber mixer in the Hotel could be a great benefit, this will be pursued and a plan brought back to the board.

Basement: A mat was suggested to be purchased for the basement floor at the end of the steps to avoid falls. Jeannette & Anne to check this out. Vertical doors/or another door concept will be studied for safety concerns should public meetings be held in the basement. Committee: Tom, Jim & Elaine to study this and report back. Sprinklers are not attached to the alarm system, they will check into this. Front steps need to be painted.

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NEW BUSINESS:

President Milt led a discussion as to what is needed to get the Historical Society to the next level as Mr. Gray discussed in the November meeting. Mission statement needs to be improved and/or expanded; docent program formalized possibly to attract younger people.

Lance Armstrong suggested we join the City of Sacramento Museum Day on Feb. 7th and include our Hotel in the brochure. This could bring additional visitors to the Hotel. The board agreed this event would be a great idea to be associated with.

President Milt prepared a list of important dates and events that have occurred in the Elk Grove area. He has left blanks to be filled in by any one interested. This form will be included in the Citizen and in the Newsletter.

Milt then requested members share what they would like for the coming year as far as events, promotions etc. Several ideas were discussed and more details will be discussed in the general meeting to follow.

Programs – 2nd Vice President

Dorothy listed the programs she has scheduled for the year as follows;

February – Norman Root – Speaking on the Lincoln Highway

March – Dr. Bob Church, RR Enthusiast – Slides of the train that was buried in snow in the Sierras in 1955. (A slide projector and screen may be needed)

April – Story of Japanese Internment

May – Virginia Signorotti and the School Names Committee

June – Family Day Picnic at Hotel

September – History of area wineries.

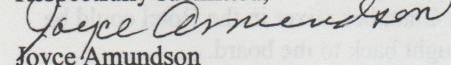
October – Sarah Johnson and Elk Grove's Transportation

November – Elizabeth Pinkerton – Our Local Historian

December – The Annual Christmas Party

The meeting was adjourned 7:05 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Amundson

Recording Secretary