

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 BOARD MEETING

President Milton Webb called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Hotel. Milt gave an update on the Citizen of the Year event. It is the 50th Anniversary which will include a special slide program.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was not available as Dennis Buscher was out of town.

Fire Doors status was given by Tom Russell; they should arrive later in September.

Reese School update was given by Joe Fabel. He also passed out a Members Pledge Drive and a Fund Raising Proposal. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was made by Dorothy Hrepich and seconded by Jeanette Lawson: "The Board recommends that the Historical Society membership approve and send the Pledge Letter to members in order to proceed with the Project, which includes moving, preparation of a foundation and restoring both the Foulks small house and the Reese School building to the Hotel site." It was approved unanimously.

Milt received a call from Gene Rose of the Wilton Historical Society regarding the Reese School. Milt told him that the Elk Grove Historical Society was interested in moving the Reese School to the Elk Grove Hotel Site. Gene said that was all he needed to know. They would be interested in moving it, only if Elk Grove H.S. was not interested.

Tom Russell gave the status of the Wightman memorial bench. The plan is to have it on site by Sep. 20, 2004.

Milt gave an update of the clean up of the hotel grounds. He will contact Dave Wigginton as to the assistance we would use from the CSD.

The September program will be coordinated by Dorothy Hrepich as to equipment needs.

Rack Cards are available and each member was requested to take several and distribute them to businesses. The membership application will be included as an insert with the October newsletter.

The Grist Mill status was given by Tom Russell; Jim Wright will coordinate this project with the boy scouts involved.

The Docent Orientation has been set for Nov. 1st at 6:30 p.m. Joe Fabel will have the handouts for docents; Carmel will take docents on a tour of the hotel. A letter invitation will be mailed around October 20th to all Society members and past docents.

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REPORTS:

Correspondence will be given to Joyce for file.

Membership – Elaine Wright explained this is a slow time, but in January will push for renewals and new members. Membership received in September through December will roll over through 2005.

Historian – Carmel Silva informed us that she is taking digital pictures to put on boxes to identify contents. She would like displays changes monthly to create additional interest.

Genealogy – Jeanette Lawson and Anne Trussell had a good turn out at their last Genealogy meeting. They requested additional assistance at the booth at the Harvest Festival held in October. They will have a variety of items of interest to visitors, and have rack cards available. They will also offer a free Historical Society membership for 2 months, if the potential member does not join in January they will no longer receive the newsletter.

Newsletter/Rhoads School. Frances Fite gave an update on the school – the runners are being replaced and painted, plus the entire floor is being painted by volunteers. Further, an antique bell from the Wilson School House has been donated by Melva Mosher and will be installed at the school site.

OLD BUSINESS; there was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CA historical landmark cannot be requested as the Hotel is not an original structure.

The signs for entry and open for the Hotel will be obtained and installed.

The Governor's Award application will be checked out for the criteria – Milt to investigate.

Future board meetings will be held the Monday before the regular membership meetings, starting at 6:30 ending at 8:00 p.m.

Joe Fabel displayed an old time Urn, an artifact from the Reese School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Joyce Amundson, Secretary