

## Elk Grove Historical Society February 14, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

President Tom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board and other members present were:

Dennis Buscher	Joe Fabel	Frances Fite
Sandi Russell	Tom Russell	Carmel Silva
Sandy Murray Silva	Anne Trussell	Rich Trussell
Milt Webb		

### MINUTES:

Frances moved that the minutes be approved. Sandy seconded the motion, and it passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$1,777.55

Building Fund - \$3,464.76

Money Market Fund - \$71,422.23 (This money was moved from savings to a money market fund so it would earn better interest.)

Dennis also presented the 2005 budget. \$100 was added for Secretary expenses and \$300 for yard expenses.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Rhoads School:** The East Contra Costa County Historical Society sent a \$150 scholarship after touring the Rhoads School.
- **Genealogy Group:** Anne reported that their next meeting is scheduled for March 3 at the museum. "New Ways to Look at the Federal Census" is the topic of Pamela Dallas' presentation
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Newsletter:** Wants articles this week.
- **Reese School:** We have collected \$52,875 - \$20,000 of the money is Historical Society funds and the other \$32,875 was donated by Society members. Milt reported that a person offered to donate the labor to put a roof on the Reese School.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Reese School Meeting:** Dennis will set a meeting.
- **Tea:** Sandy reported that the Tea will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dennis' home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They have confirmation on the Victorian Disrobe program. It was suggested we have a silent auction at the tea (about 20 items). Members were asked to come up with some auction items.
- **Farm Equipment:** Milt reported that the equipment will be picked up next week after the 15th.
- **Plumbing - Sink and water:** Milt reported that he is still looking for sinks. Ed Keema offered to help build framing for the sink.
- **History Night:** Thursday the 17th. Everyone is invited.
- **Addressograph and Wheel Chair:** Archivist Carmel suggested putting an add in the newsletter offering the addressograph that is currently in the basement to anyone who wants it. The board agreed. She would also like to get rid of the second wheel chair. The board suggested putting it in the Silent Auction at the Tea.
- **Water Pipes for the sprinkler system:** Milt reported that we need about 250 feet of pipes for the sprinkler system. He also reported that Jim Ring will do the work for free if we provide the trencher and someone to run it.



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- **Bylaws:** The bylaws committee was Frances, Sandy, and Sandi. Sandi went over the revisions suggested by the committee and the Board made one suggested which was adopted and on correction of a section number. Dennis moved that the bylaws be approved as modified and Ann seconded. Passed.
- **Docent sign-ups:** Tom reported we need volunteers for last part of year (one for June, one for July, two for August, one for September, three for October and three for December.)
- **Light Fixtures for the Dinning Room and Kitchen:** Tom appointed Dennis, Carmel and Sandi to a committee to light up the dinning room and kitchen.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Native American Historical Display:** Dennis reported that the Miwok display is ADA compliant. The exhibition will be displayed in the museum the entire year since the museum is only open one day each month. As a note of interest, the oldest obsidian arrowheads are 4000 to 5000 years old.
- **CSD Mowing and Providing their own Landscaping Services:** Tom reported that CSD has let American Landscape go so we may have to start mowing our own yard.
- **Rose Garden:** Milt has done a lot of work on the roses. He proposed that we make an area that runs the length of the porch as the Luttig rose garden. Dennis will contact the Luttig family to get their approval.
- **Children's Room:** Carmel reported that the old office upstairs is now a child's room. She also reported that she and Dennis have put a couple of tables at the foot of the stairs in the basement to the right. They should be used as "Carmel's In-Table" for items that are donated to the Society; when using the "in-table" we need to remember to write all the donation, etc. information down for Carmel.
- **Tom's Speech:** Sandi reported that Tom spoke before her "Soroptimist Club last week about the History of Elk Grove with an emphasis on women. He did an excellent job and a few members have asked for applications to join the Society.

### MEETINGS:

**The February General meeting** will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. and the program will be on the Miwok Indians.

**Board meetings** will be the second Monday of every month without a break for the Summer.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Joe asked if it would be possible to have a book-signing event at the Museum openings on the first Saturday of each month. The board agreed (but it wasn't voted on) that the authors could sell their books if the Society gets a percentage of the money earned. Joe will set up the schedules of authors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Russell, Secretary