

Elk Grove Historical Society January 10, 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
Dorothy Hrepich	Paul Hrepich	Jeanette Lawson
Sandi Russell	Tom Russell	Carmel Silva
Sandra Murray Silva	Milt Webb	Elaine Wright
Jim Wright		

Tom started the meeting by advising those present that Virginia Signorotti lost her husband George last week. His funeral will be Thursday, January 13th at 10:30 at St. Joseph's Church.

MINUTES:

Dorothy moved that the minutes be approved. Jeanette seconded the motion, and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund	-1,467.77
Rhoads School Fund	899.30
Rhoads School Scholarship	869.30
Generations Fund	1,476.77
Building Fund	2,289.00
Pledge Drive-Reese & Foulks	26,100.00 (20,000 to be used to move the Reese School)
Luttig Memorial	1,255.00
Lamp Fund	260.00
Grace Brown Memorial	18,125.00
Helen Reynolds Memorial	685.00
Carlisle Memorial	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>2,835.35</u>
Total Cash on Hand	63,326.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Rhoads School:** No report
- **Genealogy Group:** Jeanette reported that their next meeting is scheduled for February 3. Sandra Harris will be their speaker talking on preserving pictures.
- **Membership:** Elaine reported the society has 254 members; 67 are life members, 16 do not pay dues for various reasons, and many of the rest are seniors who only pay \$10.
- **Newsletter:** Frances reported that she has sent an e-mail telling when the articles are due. Because Virginia normally folded and mailed the newsletter, Elaine volunteered herself and Jim to fold and mail them this month.
- **Reese School:** Dennis had nothing to report. Milt reported that a letter of intent was mailed in December saying the society is going to move the Reese School. CSD has volunteered to work on a grant for the Reese School; however, they need to know the value of the school.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Follow-up Donation Letter:** Joe sent a letter on January 3 to the members who haven't donated any money.
- **Cement Removal:** Milt said we are supposed to get an invoice to break up the cement. He thinks it will be \$180.

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- **Atlas Cement Bins:** We received a bill from Atlas for \$630.93 for the disposal of cement. The cost of the actual dumpsters (\$350) was donated by Atlas. Secretary Sandi will send the company a thank you letter. Carmel moved and Elaine seconded the motion that we pay the \$630.93 bill.
- **Lawn Repair:** Tom reported that CSD said that they would repair lawn where the tractor has run through.
- **Scout Troops on Hotel Projects:** Jim reported a scout is going to make a computer drawing by CAD of where the Reese School is going to be placed. He also talked to a couple of other scouts to see if they would like to do another projects.
- **Travel Host Magazine:** Tom said that the magazine is out and will be distributed quarterly.
- **Tea:** Dorothy reported that the Tea will be held on May 14th will be at the museum. They are hoping to have 200 - 250 people in attendance, and may have a fashion show
- **Docent Sign-ups:** Tom reported that there are seven opening on the docent list and passed around a sign-up sheet.
- **Basement Fire Doors:** Tom talked with the door contractor; he will finish the basement doors this coming Wednesday. The contractor is still waiting for the pistons to complete the doors; he expects to received them and complete the doors by the end of January.
- **Air Conditioning System Repair:** Milt reported that the air conditioning was inspected and there are some recommended repairs. He ordered lifetime filters that cost \$140, and there were \$798 in repairs. Milt is also recommending that we have a service contract (2 times a year) for \$294. Dennis moved that the Society pay the \$798 invoice and authorize the expenditure of \$140 for the filters. Dorothy seconded the motion and it passed. Next Dennis moved that the Society sign a contract for bi-annual service at \$294 per year. Sandra seconded the motion and it passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **House Cleaner:** The Society has let the housecleaner go; Carmel and Anita have volunteered to clean the hotel each Thursday before the open house so if anyone wants to help, they are welcome to do so.
- **Oak Tree Kiosk:** Tom reported that Sarah Johnson contacted a retired arborist who will give us information on the Valley Oak Tree. Sandi moved and Dennis seconded that Jim stain the interior of the kiosk and that we reimburse him for the cost of the paint. Carmel seconded the motion and it passed.
- **Alarm Notification:** The notification order/people has been changed to (1) Tom, (2) Carmel, (3) Milt, and (4) Jim.
- **Pheasant Prints:** Tom reported that the society received a donation of 800 pheasant print sets from Gibson's grandson, Mark McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin is having a set appraised and has other things to donate. Once we find out the appraisal price, we will decide what to do with the prints.
- **Schedule of Upcoming Events for 2005:** Western Festival (1st Saturday in May), Harvest Festival (1 Saturday in October), Cemetery Tour - May 21, Tea -s May 14, Yard Sale (Dennis will set a date), picnic - June 11 (open to Historical Society members and their families and guests.)
- **Keys to the Museum:** Jim reported that Erik from CSD would like to have keys to the buildings. Elaine volunteered to check into the need and get back to the board at the next meeting.
- **Farm Equipment:** Milt reported that the Galt Historical Society would like the farm equipment, which the Elk Grove Society would like to get rid of. He will contact the Galt Society and let them know they can take the equipment.
- **Plumbing Suggestions:** Milt suggested that Ed Keema and/or Jim Ring could put in a sink in the museum kitchen. He will come up with a plan for the sink and ask Ed and Jim to look for an early

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1900 sink to install. He also suggested that we re-plumb the water so it reaches the northwest and northeast corners of the property. He will develop and plan and bring it to the next board meeting.

- **2005 Award:** The Sacramento County Historical Society approached all the societies and asked for nominations to receive a 2005 award. Milt suggested that we submit Carl and Joyce Amundson as our nominees. Sandi moved that we nominate Carl and Joyce for this honor. Elaine seconded the motion, and it passed.
- **Bylaws:** Tom asked for a committee to update the bylaws. The committee will be Frances, Sandra and Sandi. They will report at the next meeting.
- **Docent Program:** Tom reminded member that the society needs to gather more information for the docents.
- **History Night:** Tom would like to try a history night. People can just come down and talk about history. It will be put in the newsletter and the newspaper and invite all.
- **General Membership Meeting:** The general meeting will be held on January 17th at the Pleasant Grove School. Norma Reeves will be the guest speaker. Ms. Reeves was a student at the Reese School when it closed. She will talk about her experience at the school. Jeanette and Sandi will provide refreshments.

Tom made a presentation to the 2004 Society President Milt Webb. He gave Milt a pair of Ergo rose pruners and an azalea plant for Milt to plant on historical property. The gardeners chopped the previous azalea Milt planted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Russell, Secretary