

Elk Grove Historical Society March 14, 2005 Board Meeting

President Tom called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Jeannette Lawson	Frances Fite	Anita Peters	Sandi Russell
Tom Russell	Carmel Silva	Sandy Silva	Anne Trussell
Milt Webb	Joe Fabel		

MINUTES:

Carmel said that Anita helped her move the table, not Dennis. Sandy moved the minutes be approved at corrected. Frances seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report because the Treasurer is on vacation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Rhoads School:** Frances reported that they are going to try to have the school open on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday May 1st. Tom will phone Jeannie Womack and find out the deadline to notify the Western Fair Committee of the dates the Rhoads School will be open during the Western Fair.
- **Genealogy:** Anne reported that their next meeting is April 7th at the Pleasant Grove School.
- **Newsletter:** Frances asked that people get everything in ASAP.
- **Reese School:** Dennis has someone who will do the labor of putting the roof on, and Sandy's husband's company has donated three loads of cement for the foundation. Dennis is coordinating with CSD about approval of moving the school to CSD property. We are looking for someone to head the committee to contact businesses for donation. Anita volunteered her daughter, Ruth Schultz, to do a plot plan for the school.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **May 14th Tea:** Sandy reported that the tea committee is meeting on March 21st to put the newsletters and flyers together. We need to get silent auctions items. Milt will provide five cars at the event.
- **Farm Equipment:** Russ Newland is picking up a corn chopper from the museum.
- **City Grant:** Tom submitted a letter to city asking for the remainder of the city grant that we didn't receive. We asked for \$6,700 and got \$2,700. We need to spend what we have remaining of \$2,700 by June 30th.
- **Yard Sale:** Scheduled for September. 3, 2005. Everyone should save their items and bring them to Carmel after the first Saturday in August.
- **Docent sign-ups:** We are still in need volunteers for last part of year. We need one for April, two for August, one for September, three for October, and three for December.
- **Basement Doors:** Tom has called and called Yount Construction and the owner hasn't phoned back. Now he is on two weeks vacation.
- **Water Lines:** Jim Ring will trench and lay the lines. He is working with Erik of CSD to get the water lines installed along the North and West fences.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Time Capsule:** Philip Stark suggested the Society go in partnership with the City on a time capsule. After much discussion, Carmel moved and Sandi seconded that we do not participate with the city.

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The motion passed. Frances moved that the Historical Society prepare the Reese School with an area ready for a future time capsule. Sandi seconded the motion and it passed.

- **Book on Elk Grove:** Elizabeth Pinkerton suggested a book about Elk Grove. Tom reported that a British company publishes and markets historical books about cities free and sponsoring organizations (e.g., Historical Societies) get up to \$3,000 from these books for providing the company with pictures. Elizabeth Pinkerton has volunteered to help us with a book of our own. Sandy moved that we ask Elizabeth to present a plan of how she would work with the Society of producing a book and what it will cost. Sandi seconded the motion and it passed.
- **Display on Hop Farming:** Elizabeth Pinkerton suggested we have a display on hop farming. We have the Miwok exhibit currently on display. We discussed having two exhibits per year - one beginning in December and one in July. Tom will tell Elizabeth that we are interested and will start collecting hop memorabilia.
- **History Night:** The next History Night is scheduled for April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the museum.
- **New Wooden/Glass Cabinet:** Tom and Sandi got a free cabinet for the Society from the Folsom Museum and put their name down for an even better one if the Folsom Museum decides to give it away.
- **Recognition:** Milt recommended that we recognize both Carl and Joyce at the June picnic. Joe volunteered to write a document highlighting their achievements. Milt distributed the criteria for selection of outstanding recognition awards. The members will review the criteria and discuss the criteria at the next meeting.
- **Direction Signs:** Milt recommended the Society ask CSD to place signs around the park giving directions to the museum.
- **Book Signing:** Four authors will be at the open house: Bill McDonald, Arnie Zimbelman, Nan Mahon, and Joe Fabel. They will give \$1 to the Society for each book they sell. The museum will be open on Saturdays, April 30th and May 7. The authors will be here April 30th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The following tours of the museum were conducted in March:

1. Gave tour to Elk Grove Library on March 4th - Tom
2. Gave tour to In-wheel - wives of Rotarians on March 11th - Tom
3. Gave tour to School Group - 35 children on March 14th - Allan, Rosie and Tom

MEETINGS:

- March General Meeting: March 21 - McFarland Ranch - 7:00
- April Board Meeting: April 11
- April General Meeting: April 18

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sandi Russell, Secretary

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