

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2006

Meeting called to order at 4:15 by President Anita Peters.

Guest Present: Russell Newland .

Members Present: Anita Peters, Dennis Buscher, Grace Zraggen, Lucille Christesen, Joe Fabel, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright, Sandra Murray Silva, Frances Fite, Dorothy Hrepich, Carmel Silva, Lorraine Crump, Jeanette Lawson.

Anita announced there were two estimates for moving the Reese School. Scott House Movers - \$50,000, and Montgomery House Movers - \$21,280. After discussion, *Grace Zraggen moved, Dennis Buscher seconded, that we accept the bid of Montgomery House Movers for \$21,280. Approved.*

Anita reported that three companies will need to move overhead wires for the Reese School move. Comcast will move one wire - Charge \$2,550. SMUD will move three wires - No bid as yet. Frontier has not yet reported wire moving needs.

Approval of CSD for the move is expected to be decided at its Sept. 5 meeting. Other requirements to be met are Demolition fee of \$347 to County of Sacramento, Transportation Permit of City of Elk Grove, Arrangement of Police Escort, and Application for CUP (Conditional Use Permit) of City of Elk Grove. CUP is a \$5,232 zoning fee. This is required to continue functioning with the Museum and Rhoads School. It is hoped the City will waive the fee as we are a non-profit organization.

Need to stake out where building is to go, and arrange for weatherproof banner listing major sponsors to hang near project.

Minutes – Carmel moved, Dorothy Hrepich seconded, they be accepted as written. *Approved.*

Treasurer's Report – Dennis reported Unencumbered Funds - \$3,883.33
Encumbered Funds –
\$72,958.60. Total Funds \$76,841.93.

New Business –

Front Porch- Suggestions and problems reported:

Need to cover the underside of the porch roof.
Need to scrape and paint pillars, boards, other wood surfaces.
Possibly a Scout Project.
Replace window screens with shutters.
Finish the wood surface around door and above.

Old Business –

Reese School and Foulks House - See above

Old Town Grill Fund-Raiser – Are waiting for a report about our share.

Yard Sale - After Sept. 2 items can be stored at the museum site.
Dennis has picked up 5 loads from 'Designs From Nan'. Includes some fine craft items for the yard sale.

Volunteers for Wed. (13th) and Thurs (14th) are needed at 10 a.m. for pricing and set up.
Volunteers for Fri. (15th) and Sat. (16th) are needed at 7 am for the sale.
Sun. (17th) will be 7 am.
Volunteers for Mon. (18th) for cleanup.

Home Tour – Sept. 30. Ticket sales up to 32. Now open to public.
Brochures have been made for tour goers. Volunteers will be needed on Thursday, the 28th to clean the Museum, and on Saturday for food.
Phillip Stark has offered his house, the Westlake home, for next year.

Harvest Festival - October 7 and 8. The Museum and Rhoads School will be open between 10 and 4 both days, assuming the free Etran will be providing free shuttle for park visitors.

Wine and Beer Tasting – Oct. 20th. Tickets to be \$25, open to members on Sept. 15, and to the public on Oct. 1. Elk Grove Brewery and Ehrhardt Winery will provide the tasting, and we will provide hors d'oeuvres.

Preserve America Signs - Elk Grove's new Preserve American Designation signs have been put up. Anita and Dennis were among the dignitaries in the event, which was awarded for Elk Grove's preservation efforts such as the Stage Stop Hotel and the Rhoads School.

Domain Name Website – Cost for a website would be \$3.95/month.
No action.

Hop Barn Pictures - Carmel has been photographing hop barns which remain in our area.

Raley's Store – The new Raley's Store in Franklin has several pictures and other artifacts concerning the Franklin area, put up by Anita and Dennis.

Victorian Christmas - Jeanette Lawson reported there will be 4, possibly 5, designers decorating all but the Foulks room and maybe the kitchen. Society insurance will cover these items. Opening day, the Friday after Thanksgiving, will be Members Only. (See Below – No Christmas Potluck). After that day, it will be open every Friday from 5-9. and Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4, until December 23.

Jeanette's brother, connected with California Boy Scouts, can arrange for scouts to help with outside Victorian Christmas decorations, to make the site bright and attract visitors. Advertising and articles will also promote.

It is hoped that Santa Claus will be in attendance on specific dates.

No Christmas Potluck – Instead of the annual Christmas Potluck gathering, the Friday following Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) will be a Members Only Victorian Christmas Open House, with hors d'oeuvres and business limited to Installation of Officers.

Mural Artist – Joe Fable announced that Elk Grove artist Michael McGill will paint a mural for the basement stairway wall.

Book Donated by Gus Kanelos brought by Jeanette Lawson. Contains old pictures of the Reese School, and 1877 pictures of Florin West Elementary School.

Marketing the Elk Grove Historical Society was suggested by Anita , to make the entire community aware of what we have available for them. She suggested a Pioneer Day, emphasizing activities for children, be held on the Museum grounds. This would be done with the CSD to benefit the Foundation for Downs Syndrome Information Alliance. It was suggested that it might be coordinated with Jessie Baker School. Carmel moved, Elaine seconded, that we arrange this for next year. *Approved.*

Nominating Committee – Anita appointed Grace Zraggen, Sandra Murray Silva, and Joe Fabel to the committee, with one member to be appointed from the membership at large at the September General Meeting. The Committee will report a slate of officers at the October General Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Grounds and Maintenance - Milt reported the following projects are completed. The Tables Restoration and the Restroom Restoration. Both were Eagle Scout projects. Another such project will be the Refurbishing of the Kiosk.

Future projects planned will be the planting of grass in needy areas, after the Home Tour event on Sept. 30, and also Drinking Fountain and Pathway creation.

Archivist - Carmel reported that she has been getting phone calls from people with items to donate to the museum. She will prepare an article for the next newsletter to emphasize the need for Elk Grove Family and History artifacts.

Historian - Grace reported that work is proceeding on the Helen Mahon collection, and other items.

Generations - The Research Center is functioning. Jeanette reported that at one time there were four researchers. This proved to be too many for the available space. Two would be best. A donation basket is on site.

Telephone - Lorraine will work with Membership to get names, addresses, emails, phone, etc. for the committee's use.

Membership - Elaine reported 7 new members during the summer, several from the Victorian Tea. The total membership remains about 245, due to deletions for non-payment of dues.

Programs - Dorothy reminded us that Sept. 18th's speaker will be Assistant Captain Ed Kelly of the new Elk Grove Police Dept. October will feature the Senior Center, and November will be Archie Morse's talk about the infamous Troy Dye.

More New Business:

Resignation from the Board of Tom Russell was reported by President Anita.

Letter from Elizabeth Pinkerton read, regarding the picture book of Elk Grove's past, being assembled for publication. It became evident that some of the pictures were restricted to use at the Historical Society site only, and should not be used in the book. It was decided that publication should be delayed until it can be certain that no restricted

pictures are included. Sandra moved, Grace seconded, that Elizabeth be contacted and asked to hold publication until it can be determined that all pictures with a restricted use stipulation have been removed from the book. *Approved*

Discussion ensued regarding a written policy that requires Restriction or Non-restriction of use be specified on Gift Receipt. This will be pursued.

Public Representation of the Historical Society. It was suggested that representation of the Society in public situations be limited to persons specifically designated by the Board. This would prevent confusion of conflicting voices speaking for the Society. Grace moved, Carmel seconded, that no one speaks (may speak) on behalf of the Society to any group, organization, or official, without prior approval of the Board. *Approved.*

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application – A new City zoning law requires that a CUP to be applied for before the Reese School can be moved to the site. Failure to have this approved would cause stoppage of all E.G. Historical Society functions. We are asking the City to waive the \$5,322 application fee, as we are a non-profit organization that functions for the community.

The 'Conditional Use' will encompass the entire future grouping of buildings and displays. Suggested titles for this projected project were "San Joaquin Township Heritage Park" and "Elk Grove Heritage Park" Frances moved, Dorothy seconded, that the name be "Elk Grove Heritage Park". *Approved.*

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Directors' Insurance – Sandra reported that the policy offered by Colton Insurance for \$1,000,000 per occurrence coverage will be \$1,200. Sandra moved, Jeanette seconded, that we authorize the policy with Colton Insurance up to a total of \$1,200. *Approved.*