

Elk Grove Historical Society
28 January 2008
Minutes to the Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Anita Peters. First order of business was a review with Bob Roessler of any outstanding issues with CSD. Board members present: Anita Peters, Joe Fabel, Sandra Hampton, Joyce Amundson, Dennis Buscher, Jeanette Lawson, Elaine Wright for Frances Fite, Milt Webb, Sarah Johnson, Chuck Davis, Lorraine Croup, Leticia Townsy, Lucille Christensen, Liz Sellstrom and Steve Lambert.

1) The process was reviewed again as to how communication is done with CSD. The president of the Historical Society contacts only Bob. From there it is his responsibility to inform the correct person within CSD.

2) The issue of our parking lot gate was discussed. There is concern now that the park entrance gate was moved east of our parking lot, leaving our parking lot open throughout the night. Bob will now have CSD park staff open and close our gate when they open and close the park gate at the west entrance. Bob has a calendar of the dates we do not want our parking lot gate opened as we will be using it. He was also made aware that there is suspicious meetings going on in our parking lot and he will have it patrolled more frequently.

3) We reviewed not having the park crew do yard work while we have events going on. Bob has taken care of this.

5) As we begin restoration and continue through the process, the Society will notify Bob of each step so if there are questions, he can ask them and also keep CSD notified of our progress.

6) We went over our CUP permit and gave Bob a copy of the site plans. It is understood from the City, that although we are allowed to restore both the Foulks house and Reese School, we cannot open them to the public, nor start another building until all the lighting, landscape and hardscape is complete.

7) We have the last letter needed to move the Guy Foulks monument to the museum site. The Society would like it outside the perimeter fence just opposite the Lincoln Highway marker. Anita will get a copy of the letter from the Native Sons to Bob, and we will aim for an April 5th re-dedication of the monument.

8) Bob announced that our water would be shut off Thursday night for repairs.

9) Bob stated that the Lewis and Clark people will be having an event at the Wackford Center, hopefully April 12th from 10 - 1. After the event they would like to tour historical sites, including our museum. It was discussed later in the meeting that this event could take the place of our April meeting. We will work with CSD on this event. Committee people from the Society will be Jeanette

Lawson and Elaine Wright, and it was suggested to include Arnie Zimbleman, Elizabeth Pinkerton and Bud Hoppe. Bob will notify Anita when the date is set for certain.

With no other business with CSD our meeting was recessed while the board toured the new exhibit.

The meeting resumed. Reading of the minutes of the December planning meeting were suspended as everyone read them individually. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Jeanette, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasures report was given by Dennis Buscher. After a breakdown for various funds our total cash on hand is \$67,910.28

Anita announced our CUP permit was approved by the City on December 20th and we reviewed again the conditions.

Anita announced Leticia has resigned her position as Newsletter Editor and accepted the position of Historian, Chuck Davis has accepted the position of Newsletter Editor. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Liz, the change was approved.

Elaine updated us on the ramp for the Rhoads School, on which construction still hasn't started. There will be another meeting next week. CSD has given an estimate of \$23,000 to complete the ramp. Elaine stated the EG Rotary Club will give \$4,000 plus some in-kind donations towards the ramp, the EG Lions Club will give in-kind. She is also going to ask CSD to address the windows on the south side that need repaired.

Liz gave her archivist report. She announced she is still going over the requirements needed for Maita Chevrolet to display the Batey car in their showroom. We will check out the Batey car again before we proceed. She announced the donations received this month including a digital camera from Joe Fabel, a washboard, ice tongs, Tea Leaf dishes and some children's clothing. She requested cotton gloves for those working with museum artifacts be purchased. Jeanette stated four boxes of gloves would be purchased - two for Liz - with Generations Funds.

Joe announced Lorraine Croup will replace Grace Zraggen on the nominating committee.

Jeanette reported An Old Fashioned Christmas had nearly 1,000 visitors and made a profit of approximately \$1,500.00. Next years event will include a semi formal event for the opening rather than a free members night. It was suggested it be called "Black Tie and Santa". The evening would include wine and caviar. Ticket prices will be determined but will be \$5 less for members.

Anita reported for Ruth that emails will be sent to those who helped on the Victorian Tea last year this weekend to determine if more help is needed the tea will be May 10th at the Blue Victorian. Tickets go on sale March 15th. Prices are \$30 to the general public and \$25 to members.

Lucille reported the following programs for General Meetings
February - Paul Ivazes on Gas Lighting - Elk Grove Brewery
March - Alan O'Connor on Sacramento Solons - Logan's Road House
April - Change meeting to Wackford Center on Saturday April 12
May - Dave Morse on Bruceville at Denny's

Lorraine announced that we have been invited for a private tour of the Stanford Mansion on March 12. Tickets will be \$15 as this is a fundraiser. We are limited to 30 guests and a no host lunch afterwards at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Jeanette brought up the idea of moving our Research Library to the new Elk Grove Library when it is open. She has spoken with Pat () about it. It would make our library holdings accessible to more people. Pat will still have to bring the matter to her board for a decision before final plans are worked out. On a motion by Joe Fabel and seconded by Joyce Amundson it was voted to pursue this matter further.

A bid was present from Velvet Goeke to finish the storm doors, fix the back deck door to make it handicap accessible, put new screens that will open over the entire hotel and paint and add additional lighting and hot water heaters to the bathrooms. The bids were for \$7,373.00 On a motion by Joe and seconded by Milt it was voted to have Velvet complete the jobs, and to make sure she worked under a licensed contractor.

Steve brought in prices for heaters for the jail, on a motion by Joe, seconded by Liz it was voted to buy the heaters.

Anita brought up that she could no longer bring in her vacuums and we needed to buy our own. She will bring in prices for the next meeting.

It was also discussed that one person can not clean the entire museum on the Thursday before we are open by themselves. Anita, Steve and Liz cleaned the museum after Christmas, including turning all rugs and reported we need more help. Rather than hire someone the following people volunteered to clean each Thursday before we are open:

Dennis will clean the Tavern room and downstairs hall; Lorraine will clean the ladies parlor; Lucille will clean the Markofer room; Jeanette & Leticia will clean the ball room, Steve will clean the jail; Anita will clean the bathrooms and store; Elaine volunteered a member of the Rhoads School committee to clean the child's room. That leaves the kitchen, Foulks room and dining room to be claimed by a volunteer.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.