

**Elk Grove Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012**

Board Members and Guests Present: Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lucille Christesen, Lorraine Croup, Sarah Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Milt and Dorothy Webb.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President)

Public Comment: None

Announcements:

For the Record—Election of Officers for 2013:

At the General Meeting held on November 19, 2012, the following members were nominated and voted upon for elective office for 2013. The new officers are:

President—Barbara Claire
1st Vice President—Brookelea Lutton
2nd Vice President—Sarah Johnson
Treasurer—Jeanette Lawson
Recording Secretary—Diane Borden
Corresponding Secretary—Sally Bergen

Approval of Minutes – Diane Borden, Recording Secretary:

It was moved by Brookelea Lutton and seconded by Sally Bergen that the minutes of the November 12, 2012 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills -Jeanette Lawson Treasurer:

There has been no heat in the kitchen for several months. After the compressor was fixed, Jim Entrican asked Clarke & Rush to look into the problem. Jeanette said they suspect that an animal had eaten through the ductwork. They fixed it at a cost of \$409.00 (in addition to the \$2,150.00 previously approved for the compressor). It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Sarah Johnson to approve the additional expense of \$409.00 for the extra work done in the kitchen. Motion carried.

Jeanette reported that the Rhoads School Board has brought in \$2,087.00 from their fund raising event. The funds will be deposited into the operating fund. So far, eight scholarships have been funded at \$160 each for this school year. Jeanette said it most likely would not be necessary to have a Phantom Ball in January.

Jeanette will report on the Black Tie and Santa event and Old Fashioned Christmas next month.

Committee Reports:

Cookbook—Brookelea Lutton & Barbara Claire: Brookelea has 90 recipes for the cookbook and will finish up after the holidays.

Docents—Annaclare Entrican: Annaclare has provided a listing of those signed up (5-7 people for each day) to work the Old Fashioned Christmas.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove—Jeanette Lawson & Barbara Claire: Nothing new to report.

Membership—Lorraine Croup: Lorraine received an application for Gregory Borden as a new member (student). Claudia Johnson has expressed an interest and Lorraine will look for the application that Sally Bergen gave her recently. Sally also requested the Corresponding Secretary's books that contain sample letters. Sally will contact Jim Entrican who will contact Joyce Amundson's daughter to obtain them. Sarah Johnson noticed an ad that the Carleton assisted living facility had published (she requested a copy for us). It would be beneficial for the Elk Grove Historical Society to recruit for new members in this way. Another suggestion was to have a Speakers' Bureau made up of volunteers available to speak at community events or meetings. Dennis Buscher has scripted material already written up that he said could be used.

Newsletter (January—February)—Brookelea Lutton: The deadline to submit material for the next newsletter is Saturday, December 15th.

Black Tie & Santa—Jeanette Lawson: Jeanette said it was not as well attended as she had hoped.

Old Fashioned Christmas/Parade of Trees—Jeanette Lawson & Sally Bergen: Attendance has been good (expect in excess of 500). Sally said that the wind blew down one of the trees, but it has been put back up. Jeanette said that Jim Entrican was here almost every day getting ready for the Old Fashioned Christmas and we need to have more help. A flyer was included in the brochure to recruit new members (\$10 discounted membership for a family). Board members provided other suggestions: In the letter to new members, we should list our events so they can volunteer where they are most interested. New members need to feel like they are a part of the organization and we should follow up with them by e-mail.

Programs for General Meeting—Elaine Wright: Elaine is working on the January 21st meeting to be held at the Crocker Art Museum.

Unfinished Business:

Front Landscaping & Walkway Lighting—Jim Entrican: On hold until after Christmas.

Foulks House Restoration—Jim Entrican: On hold.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson: On hold.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican: On hold.

Water Damage Repair (\$1,300 approved)—Jeanette Lawson: On hold until after Christmas.

Fire Extinguishers—Pressure checked—Jim Entrican: Nothing new to report.

Compressor Replacement (\$2,150)—Jim Entrican: The compressor has been replaced.

Declined donation of 100-year-old drop leaf desk by Cheryl Stapp—Barbara Claire: Barbara said that Cheryl understood our recommendation to decline the desk at this time. Cheryl (a new member) would be very helpful with her interest in history. Sally brought her to help out with Santa pictures at the hotel on Saturday.

New Business:

Soroptimist Donor—Brookelea Lutton: Brookelea went into the Soroptimist's Sees candy store recently and noticed that the local Soroptimists had donated funds to various organizations. They normally send letters in March to those chosen to receive support. We need to make them aware of what we do (for example, history of the Foulks family) and solicit their support. Brookelea offered to work on this. Other discussion: We need a Facebook page and a committee to work on publicity. Diane will ask Gregory Borden if he would be willing to assist technically on the Facebook page. Barbara also has a possible new appointment (Gina Castro) that is willing to be our webmaster. Lorraine said at one time we left information at the hotels. Jeanette said we have a brochure that can be updated and professionally designed and printed.

Merry Maids: Jeanette asked the Board to approve the expense for Merry Maids to come after Christmas to clean the hotel. It was moved by Jeanette and seconded by Sally to approve up to \$300 to cover the expense. Motion carried. We also need to have a sign-up sheet for taking down the Christmas decorations and putting the furniture back. Sally Bergen volunteered to coordinate this effort.

New bus trip: Lorraine would like to put together a bus trip to the Mare Island Church in March. The church has 25 beautiful stained glass windows. She plans on checking it out on Saturday and will look at possible places for lunch. Several suggestions were made and she will have more information next week.

New displays for 2013—Dennis Buscher: Dennis said that the Miwok display might be kept beyond January, as they have no place to store it. Also, if there are any collections members want to display, please let him know. Dennis announced that the City Council will have another presentation Wednesday night on the Elk Grove Historic Context Statement around 7:00. Sarah reiterated we have to preserve our historic buildings and not lose them.

Barbara welcomed Sarah Johnson as our new 2nd Vice President.

Upcoming Events:

- December 14: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM
- December 15, 16: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM—Pictures with Santa
- December 21: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM
- December 22: 7th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas, Open 1—5 PM, Pictures with Santa—Last Day!
- January 14: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
- January 21: General Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:15 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden