

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2012**

Board Members and Guests Present: Joyce Amundson, Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Lucille Christesen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Dolores and Francis Jacobson, Brookelea Lutton

Call to order: Barbara Claire (1st Vice President). It was confirmed there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Announcements:

- Barbara Claire thanked the docents that worked the June opening. She expressed concern about the parking situation that day because of the baseball game being held at the same time. There was very little parking space for anyone who wanted to visit the Hotel. Saturday when Barbara came to the Hotel, there was a party being held near the baseball diamond and the music was very loud. For the upcoming Jail Celebration, we may need to keep the gate to the parking area closed and locked until the event begins.
- The speaker for the May general meeting, Tom Mahon, was very interesting and knowledgeable about the early history of Elk Grove and talked about the Ranch his family built.
- At the General Meeting, Sophia Scherman suggested having the signage for the Museum, Lincoln Highway, etc., all on one pole. She would check into getting it done. Secretary Diane Borden will follow up on her progress (Jim will send Diane the members' list).
- The 3 long benches on the front porch have been painted. Barbara Claire said she would like to make some cushions to sit on. It was moved by Jim Entrican, seconded by Joyce Amundson to appropriate up to \$100 for the expense of foam and fabric for that purpose. Motion carried. Barbara also suggested that the picnic tables could use some sprucing up (redwood stain) in the future.
- Barbara Claire passed around the article from the Citizen's coverage of the Memorial Day Cemetery with several photo shots showing Dennis Buscher.

Reading of Minutes: Diane Borden read the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Board Meeting. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Joyce Amundson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills: Jeanette Lawson was unable to attend (excused absence). However, during the discussion of the names of the accounts, it was her understanding that: under "Restoration Accounts," it was left as General Restoration Fund and not changed to General Maintenance Fund. It was moved by Jim Entrican, seconded by Joyce Amundson and carried to reflect Jeanette's recommendation. (See format for Treasurer's Report on the Agenda).

Per Jeanette, the recommended expenses should come out of the "Whightman Fund" for: a) Museum Security; b) Museum Maintenance; c) Pest Control; d) SMUD; e) Telephone' and f) Insurance. It was moved by Jim Entrican, seconded by Lorraine Croup to approve her recommendation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lorraine Croup, seconded by Brookelea Lutton to accept the Treasurer's Report as prepared. Motion carried.

An internal audit for the period December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011 needs to be performed. It was recommended that Dennis Buscher head up a committee. Lorraine Croup and Brookelea Lutton volunteered to assist on the committee and were thereby appointed.

Committee Reports:

Cookbook: Brookelea Lutton reported that she will prepare an insert for the next Newsletter encouraging people to send in their recipes, with pictures and stories. Mary McIntyre has agreed to call and solicit entries. Brookelea will submit an article to the Citizen to reach the general public. Jim Entrican will send information to the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Docents: Annaclare Entrican reported there were not as many visitors as she would have liked due to the parking situation; however, it was fun for those who participated. For the 100-Year Celebration of the Jail on June 16th, the Hotel will be from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to docent. Jim announced that he and Annaclare will be in Colorado in July when the Hotel will be open again for tours (Barbara Claire has a key).

Foulks House Restoration—Elk Grove City Grant: Jim Entrican reported he has received no official notice. He will send an e-mail to follow up.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove: Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire are still gathering information. Dennis Buscher knows of an organization that encourages putting stories with structures in the community. He will check their web site for more information.

Membership: Lorraine Croup has received some checks as a result of letters she sent out to members who have not renewed their membership.

Newsletter (July-August) & Antique & Craft Show: Brookelea Lutton requested that items be submitted to her by June 15th for the next Newsletter she and Barbara Claire are working on. So far, she has received 19 applications for the Antique and Craft Show and will be sending an article for the Citizen to Mary Lewis. The hot dog vendor has been confirmed, and things are moving along.

Program for General Meetings: Elaine Wright was absent.

Tour—Ironstone Winery: Lorraine Croup has contacted the Winery and they will charge \$18 per person (instead of \$20). She is waiting for information for the bus and then will submit an article to the Citizen.

Christmas Decorators/Parade of Trees: Per Barbara Claire, Jeanette Lawson has found one more decorator. Brookelea will put an article in the Newsletter about the Parade of Trees.

Unfinished Business:

Fountain in Luttig Garden: Dennis Buscher has the pump and he just needs to set it up.

Front Landscaping: Jim Entrican has injured himself and will be unable to continue working on this project until he is better.

Walkway Lighting: Jim Entrican has nothing new to report.

Internet at Hotel: Jim Entrican will call Frontier and follow up.

Safe in Jail: Nothing new to report.

Plaque for Fence Donors: The plaque has been ordered.

Raley's Quality of Life cards: Jeanette Lawson has received 100 Quality of Life cards from Raley's. There was no charge and all cards went out to members who had not received them.

100-Year Anniversary of Jail booklet: Barbara Claire will have the booklets ready.

New Business:

Discussion of bylaws: Dennis Buscher has researched our by-laws, specifically Article IV, Section 11, pertaining to an Officer of the Board's attendance at meetings. President Norm Franklin has not been to a meeting since October 2011. If a Board member misses 3 consecutive meetings, the Board can approve an individual's removal from office by a vote of 51 percent. Barbara Claire has attempted unsuccessfully to reach Norm. While Norm has made a good contribution to the goals of the Elk Grove Historical Society, he has not participated since October of 2011. The Board requested that Joyce Amundson contact Elaine Wright and ask her to call Norm and ask him to resign in the event he is unable to attend future meetings. Before the next General Meeting, an appointment needs to be made for the Office of President. Jim Entrican indicated Norm Franklin could be considered a Past President if he resigns, but not Parliamentarian. The Nominating Committee will be made aware of any action taken by the Board and appointments to the committee may be needed.

Two appointments will be announced and approved at the next General Meeting: Diane Borden as Recording Secretary and the replacement for President.

Elk Grove Garden Club: Jim Entrican received an e-mail from the EG Garden Club that they want to give us \$400 for rose bushes for the Hotel.

Request for use of Rhoads School -- Frances Fite: Jim Entrican has received a request for the use of Rhoads School for the wedding of Shelley Maita on September 29, 2012, from

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Even though CSD owns the property, we need to give permission in writing. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Joyce Amundson to approve the request. Motion carried. Secretary Diane Borden will send a letter to Frances Fite.

October Special Event: Jim Entrican announced the first annual Living History Celebration of the News of Statehood at the Stage Shop Hotel, to be held October 6th beginning at noon. This will be during our normal Museum open time and we will use this as our General Meeting to promote attendance. Docents from Sutter's Fort and folks from Old Sacramento Living History program will be invited. The OSLHP Vigilance Committee will be in attendance; gambling tables, gun displays, and music will be included. Also the surveyor will be there, the tinsmith, seamstress and a host of ladies and costumed folks portraying the arrival of the news of statehood. Albert Winn, the founder of the Native Sons, William Ide and the Rhoads brothers will be there "in portrayal." There may be 200+ people attending and this might be an opportunity for us to make some money by charging a gate fee (perhaps \$5). What people will be expected to get for the \$5 will be discussed. Jim will be attending a meeting tonight and he will be getting more information.

Also on October 6-7: EGHS will participate in the Harvest Festival. Jeanette Lawson will organize our participation and send in the form.

Upcoming Events:

- June 16, 2012 - General Meeting, 4:00 PM - Please join us at Heritage Park for the 100-Year Celebration of the San Joaquin Township Justice Court & Jail. Jim passed around a program. The Hotel will also be open for tours, as well as the store, so please help if you can. Jim needs manpower and will be calling for help. He also may need to purchase an ice chest.
 - Speakers/special guests
 - Ice Cream Social (need 4 volunteers to assist)
 - Proclamation from CSD
 - Wear period clothing (if you have it)
 - Photographer from the Citizen
 - Aaron Lawson will attend - 12 years ago he cleaned up the Jail for a Boy Scout project.
- June 23 - Lorraine will be at Hotel to collect items for the Garage Sale.
- July 7 - Hotel open for tours
- July 9 - Board Meeting - Officers will be notified
- July 16 - No General Meeting
- July 20, 21, 22—Annual Yard Sale
- August—No general meeting, but may schedule a Board Meeting if needed.
- September 10—Board Meeting
- September 15—Antique & Craft Show
- September 17—General Meeting - Speaker will be Cheryl Stappe, author of a book about pioneer women, just published
- September 22—Ironstone Winery Tour—Concourse de Elegance Car Show
- October 6th - Harvest Festival

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Jim Entrican displayed a storyboard about the original Post Office that was in use in Elk Grove from 1901 to 1922. Nameplates were given to him by Oscar and Laura Mix, who inherited many of the artifacts from that period of time.

Lorraine Croup indicated she is not going to McFarland Ranch. It is not open while they are installing anew fence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary