

Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting of April 9, 2012

Board Members and Guests Present: Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Dolores and Francis Jacobson, Brookelea Lutton, Milt Webb, Elaine Wright, Tom Russell, and Lucille Christensen.

Call to Order: Vice President Barbara Claire

Announcements: Vice President Barbara Claire thanked the docents who worked the April opening. Vice President Barbara Claire also reminded the Board of the availability of tickets for the Spring Tea by contacting Annaclare Entrican.

Public Comment: No public comment

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes were not read due to the absence of the Secretary Sue Richter.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Jeanette Lawson, the Treasurer's report was read from the meeting agenda. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed.

Jim Entrican moved we pay two bills in the amount of \$2,655 for hotel insurance and \$488.06 for volunteer insurance. This motion was seconded by Lorraine Croup and a unanimous yes vote by the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of changing Fund names on the Treasurer's Report, as it was thought they are misleading. The decision was made to discuss this matter with Jeanette Lawson.

The Board decided to notify the Colton Insurance Company that Jeanette Lawson should be the contact for any communication.

Committee Reports:

- **Cookbook:** Barbara Claire and Brookelea Lutton are looking in cookbook programs. A call will go out in the next newsletter for recipes and hopefully historical information for each.
- **Docents:** Annaclare Entrican reported docents are needed for the May 5th hotel opening which will fall on the Western Festival. Brookelea Lutton, Elaine Wright, Annaclare and Jim Entrican volunteered.
- **Foulks House Restoration:** Jim Entrican reported a meeting with Kevin Pressey, a Preservation Architect. As the Society has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the city of Elk Grove, this money will be used to pay Mr. Pressley's fee. Mr. Pressley will have ready his report in June or July. The Board has asked to note that Mr. Pressley has our electrical and landscape drawings and will return them following the making of copies.
- **Front Landscaping:** Jim Entrican reported all work is on hold due to the weather. CSD will provide the equipment to remove the sod. Jim requested \$500.00 for various front landscaping needs, such as the fabric barrier used in preparation for the sod. Lorraine Croup made a motion to provide the \$500.00. Elaine Wright seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a unanimous yes vote.
- **Historic Homes of Elk Grove:** Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire have begun research on information for a pamphlet. Dennis Buscher volunteered to secure additional information from the Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee.
- **Membership:** Lorraine Croup reported one new member, Frances Newbold. Shortly, 75-100 past due notices will be mailed to members.
- **Newsletter and Antique and Craft Show:** Brookelea Lutton reminded the Board the newsletter articles are due April 15th. On May 1st Brookelea will send out a reminder to vendors of the craft show. There is a need for food vendors.
- **Phantom Ball:** In the absence of Jeanette Lawson, it was reported the Ball generated \$2,325.00 for the General Restoration Fund.
- **Program for the General Meeting:** Elaine Wright reported the April meeting will feature Mr. Arnold Kunst who will speak on Abraham Lincoln. The program has yet to be announced for the month of May. The 100 year anniversary of our San Joaquin Jail will be dedicated and celebrated on June 16th.
- **Spring Tea:** Annaclare Entrican reported 59 tickets sold and 21 spoken for but not paid. Flyers were sent to most who attend last year's tea.
- **Tour Ironstone Winery:** Lorraine Croup reported ticket sales are slow. Tom Russell suggested we contact the Senior Citizens. The deadline for ticket sales is April 19th.

Unfinished Business

- **Native American Display in Ballroom:** Dennis Buscher reported the Lone Band of the Miwok has loaned the society some very nice items. However, they would not contribute any baskets. The beads on display may not remain as they will be reburied with human remains.
- **Fountain in Luttig Garden:** Dennis hopes to have the fountain in place prior to the Spring Tea.
- **Shade Garden:** On hold
- **Kitchen Garden:** On hold
- **Cement Rose Memorial Markers:** On hold
- **Electrical Light for Flag:** Tom Russell expressed concern with the light and the flying of the flag 365 day a year. Tom feels the money could be better spent on other projects. The flag and walk way lighting was funded by the Phantom Ball but no money has been appropriated at this time.
- **Plumber for the Bathroom:** On hold
- **Safe in Jail:** Dennis made a motion to lower the Craig's listing from \$250.00 to \$100.00. It was seconded and approved by the Board.
- **Plaque for Fence Donors:** Jeanette submitted a list of all donors for the Board to review. Tom Russell made a change to his name and all others were approved as written.
- **100 Year Anniversary of Jail:** Barbara Claire is working on a booklet to give the history of the jail for those in attendance on June 16th. The Native Sons of the Golden West, Elk Grove Parlor #41 has been asked to dedicate the jail as a historical landmark.

New Business

- **Fund Raiser for Rhoads School Scholarship:** This will be "Cakeless Cake Sale" to be mailed to Society members in the late summer. The purpose is to raise funds for scholarships for students. This was approved by the Board.
- **Display Ideas for 2013:** It was suggested we feature collections from our members who are willing to share and display their items for one year.
- **Parking at April Opening:** The barriers used to reserve parking for our hotel guests were very successful.
- **Internet at Hotel:** Frontier Communications has determined a separate phone line is necessary for the installation of internet. However, a discussion ensued concerning the fact that when we are using the internet the security telephone line is turned off.
- **Milt Webb** expressed the need for a new irrigation timer to replace an aging timer. Jim Entrican authorized Milt to expense this timer from the \$500.00 the Board approved.
- **Dennis Buscher** will work on finding a new contact for the Native American Dancers.
- **Tom Russell** wanted confirmation of the return of the historic items loaned to the Bel-Air grocery store. Dennis and Lorraine assured him the items have been returned. He also asked about a wagon jack. Jim confirmed he moved the jack to the Foulks House.

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting, April 16, 2012, 6:30 PM - Please join us at Elk Grove Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd # A. (Next to Citizen's Office & across from Bank of America). The speaker will be Arnold Kunst who is an expert on Abraham Lincoln.
- Native American Celebration for April 21, 2012—**Cancelled!**
- Open for Tours, May 5, 2012 (Need docents)
- Spring Tea, May 12, 2012
- Board Meeting, May 14, 2012
- Native American Celebration for May 19, 2012—**Cancelled!**
- General Meeting, May 21, 2012
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The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Barbara Claire at 5:45 pm.

Submitted by Annaclare Entrican in the absence of the Recording Secretary Sue Richter