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**Elk Grove Historical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2017**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Officers present: President Ken Miller, First VP Tim Knox, Second VP Dennis Buscher, Recording Sec. Carol Dunkel, Corresponding Sec. Cindy Mahon, Treasurer Jeanette Lawson, Rhoads School Dir. Roberta Tanner, Webmaster Barbara Claire, Facilities Dir. Jim Entrican

**Public Comment:** Introduced new member John Ross

**Presentation:** City of Elk Grove - Whitelock Interchange Presentation. Gary Grunwald, Rick Carter and Steve Sims explained and showed various plans for the Whitelock interchange and how it may or may not impact the Historical Society Museum and grounds. A similar presentation will be given at the March 20 general meeting of the Historical Society.

**Announcements**

- Thanks to all who helped with cleaning/preparing museum for Open House 2-4-17
- Attended Chamber Luncheon – contact with wine vendor for Spring Tea
- Letter to Department of General Services – save Heilbron House in Sacramento
- New phones (5) – coverage on all floors, retrieve voice mail from remote locations
- Some budgets for committees/fundraisers/business PAST DUE 3-5-17
- Lorraine Croup update on home recovery – Flowers delivered

**Communications/Correspondence:** Phone calls/Letters

**Approval of Minutes**

(Sent to board for review by Carol Dunkel, Recording Secretary). Includes Minutes of Board Meeting January 9, 2017 and Minutes of Workshop January 6, 2017. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dennis Buscher. Jeanette Lawson made the second to the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills**—Acting Treasurer Jeanette Lawson. There were four bills that needed a motion.

1. SMUD, \$404.38
2. Cost to set up for on line store to sell merchandise and Tea Tickets, \$379.87
3. Ink, paper and printing supplies for Spring Tea and other events, \$232.23
4. Insurance with a cost of an extra \$17 for a total of \$3,916, covers, buildings, officers, directors, property contents. The Lewis and Clark exhibit will be covered until Oct. 1. The motion was made by Dennis Buscher to pay the above listed bills. Tim Knox made the second to the motions. The motion was approved.

**Appointments for 2017** – Nomination of Jeanette Lawson to be Treasurer Ken Miller Requires both Board Approval and General Membership approval on 2-20-17. Jim Entrican made the motion to nominate Jeanette Lawson for Treasurer. The second was made by Barbara Clair. The motion was approved.

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**Rhoads School Update**—Roberta Tanner reported:

Letters for donations for a “No Bake, Bake Sale” have been sent out to membership. The school was cleaned by the School Board members after our last meeting.

We have three new Fire Starters/Board members.

The CSD is working on signs directing the public to Rhoads School.

Roberta requested that the Treasurer’s report show how much has been given out in scholarships.

Susan Hernandez has been working on acquiring signs to be put out on the First Saturdays of the month to show that the School is open to the public on the same days as the Museum.

Ken commented that the school needs firewood. There is wood here on the Museum Grounds but we need someone to move it to the school. Tom Mahon said he would be willing to bring a supply of split wood. He has a wood splitter that can be used on the woods that is on the Museum grounds.

**CSD Update**—Orlando Fuentes – Mr. Lattrell will be the new permanent representative. Neither person was present at the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- Membership—Lorraine Croup (Excused) Barbara Claire we have two new members: Julie Deaver and John Ross introduced earlier.

Barbara suggested that we go through old membership records and try to contact people who have not paid their dues in several years and drop them from the membership lists. Ken suggested the list be brought to the Board to see who may know about these people and make contact.

Dennis Buscher made a motion to give an Honorary Membership to John Hass. Jim Entrican made the second to the motion. The motion passed.

- Newsletter – Louis Silveira we need to have all news items in by Feb. 15 so that he can get them in the newsletter.

- Programs for General Meetings – Tim Knox Program for the Feb. 20 meeting will be Elizabeth Pinkerton, author and local historian.

Program for March 20 meeting will be the Whitelock Interchange proposals by the city.

Program for April 17 will be Richard Hussey who will talk about Polynesians during the gold rush.

- Red Door Vintage Trailer and Flea Market – Jim Entrican hand out showing who is working and when. It also had a diagram of the beer garden. Things are doing fine.

- Big Day of Giving May 4 – Dennis Buscher, reported it will be Thurs. May 4. He has gone to a workshop about how donations are made. The Museum will be open that day for donations. They will be using social media to identify event. People can make donations to Project Ride and the Strauss Festival at the Museum also. Board members are encouraged to make \$100 donations.

Dennis wants to set up a Twitter Account with help from Louis.

We need to say what the donations are for. Restoration of the Foulks House will be this year’s project and Rhoads School Scholarship fund.

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- Spring Tea May 13 Time & Update – Rosemarie Miller/Barbara Claire. We had our first planning meeting last week. People have signed up to work on committees. Barbara has designed beautiful theme fliers, tickets for a Grand Victorian Tea. Cindy Mahon has letters requesting donations. Rosemarie wants to coordinate donor lists, so that people who donate to the Black Tie event won't we asked to donate for the Tea also.
- Yard Sale June 16=18 – Lorraine Croup/Dennis Buscher we will begin accepting donations once the blacksmith shed is complete and things have been moved to that storage area. We will advertise when the Museum will be open for donations. Sally wants to check and sort donations as they come in. No electronics will be accepted.
- 1st Sat. Open Houses + Lewis & Clark Exhibit – Barbara Claire/Susan Hernandez we had about 50 people they loved the Lewis and Clark Exhibit. Rhoads School was open also and had about 30 visitors.

### **Unfinished (Old) Business**

- Storage/Blacksmith Shop Completion Feb. 28, 2017 —Jim Entrican it is finished except for the garage door, Jim presented a bid of \$2700 for a heavy steel door with an additional \$1046 for an electric opener. Jeanette thought we should go ahead and get the electric opener now since the door is steel and will be heavy to open by hand. She made a motion to approve \$3800 for door and electric opener. Dennis Buscher made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Foulks House Restoration Bids (Architect/Codes) – Jim Entrican no report.
- Scout Projects—Jim Entrican two scout projects one put bricks around the gazebo, the other built flower beds around the jail. Jim received a Thank You note for a special tour he had given to Cub Scout Troup.

Disaster Response Training –Dennis Buscher has attended workshops they have been primarily for flooding and assigned response to medical needs. Dennis will do a training for our group. Jeanette asked Barbara if we have back up files that are not stored in the Museum. Barbara said that we do have.

- Whitelock Committee Impacts/Mitigation Meeting – Ken Miller no further discussion.
- Brown Property Committee – Dennis Buscher no report at this time.
- Tent replacement option – Jim Entrican gave the Recording Secretary a bid from Deltacanopy for a 20'X20' PE Party Tent Top for \$160 plus \$40 for shipping. He also made an oral presentation to the Board. No action was taken.
- Short/Long Term Priorities - TBA to General Membership 2-20-17– Ken Miller no discussion.
- Date to change signers for checks –Jeanette Lawson
- Tent replacement, permanent structure. Two contractors were contacted

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both needed an architect. Both will get their bids in soon. Dennis wants it to be historically accurate. Barbara assured him it will be, that is why the architects were needed.

- Haunted House - pending new chair or remove as fundraiser – Ken Miller we will ask the members at the General meeting if anyone wishes to Chair this fundraiser. If none we will drop this event.
- First Saturday Tours – Lewis & Clark representatives February 4, Victorian Era Drill Team in June? Advertisement in Ardent Magazine? BBQ, Band – Ken Miller
- Budget Preparation Discussion & Timeline for completion – Jeanette Lawson
- Policies & Procedures – Parliamentarian & Assistant Treasurer – positions to be defined by Policies and Procedures Committee, as discussed 1-16-17 - Ken Miller

### **New Business**

- Interim Budget Adoption – Handout. Collect/assign outstanding budgets (prior yr) After filling in a couple of Revenue estimates, Jeanette Lawson made the motion to adopt the budget. Barbara Clair made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Authorize President to sign agreement with CSD for room on 3-20-17 Ken Miller Jeanette Lawson made the motion. Dennis Buscher made the second to the motion. The motion passed.
- Training Civil Rights Act/ Equal Employment/Complaints/& Historical Society Ken no discussion.
- Policies & Procedures – consider amending Annual Cleaning Options Ken Miller The issue was there was a contract that was broken after the Haunted House was taken down. For the future, since one of our members has volunteered to do this extensive cleaning without pay, we would like the Policies and Procedures committee write language that is more flexible on the cleaning of the Museum. Carol Dunkel made the motion for this new language. Cindy Mahon made the second. The motion was passed.
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- Additional Items? Jim Entrican showed the Board a picture of a proposed historical plaque to be put up on Elk Grove Bl, where Capitol Nursery used to be. Housing developer Brian Cutting builder of Woodside Homes is the person proposing this plaque/sign. Jim does not like the proposed plaque and suggested the Native Sons of the Golden West work with the Historical Society to design a more appropriate sign. Jim made a motion to do this. Dennis made the second to the motion. The motion was approved.
- Dennis said that Todd Johnson an attorney for the developer had talked to him about making a donation to the Historical Society for tearing down this historical house. Dennis will follow up on this to see if the donation would cover the cost of the new structure for the tent replacement.
- Ken suggested we may want to look into using the Museum grounds for weddings and/or wedding photos or other events.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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February 13 - Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Museum

February 20 - General Meeting, Speaker Elizabeth Pinkerton, local Historian, principal

March 4 - First Saturday Tours – Includes Rhoads School House

March 13 - Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Museum

March 18 - Vintage Trailer and Antique Flea Market 9 AM to 5 PM

March 20 - General Meeting, City Presentation on Whitelock Interchange (pending location)

April 1 - First Saturday Tours, now includes Rhoads School House

April 10 - Board Meeting, 4:00 PM

April 17 - General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM, Methodist Church

**Adjourn**