

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016

Board Members and Guests Present: Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Mary Bulford, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Claudia Johnson, David Lema, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Louis Silveira. **Absent:** Sharon Baker, Sally Bergen, Jeanette Lawson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Brookelea Lutton.

Public Comment:

John Hess of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation was present to talk about the CALCTHF Fall 2016 Meeting and Seminar to be held at the Franklin Cemetery (flyer attached). The California Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will present a living history encampment with Lewis and Clark reenactors in period clothing on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Meet Alexander Hamilton Willard and John Colter and learn about California in 1852 when Alexander arrived in Elk Grove (he is buried in the Franklin Cemetery). On Sunday, October 9, a seminar and encampment will take place from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The public is welcome to attend and there is no charge. They are also working with Dennis Buscher and the cemetery Board to put a large historical sign on the cemetery grounds about Willard.

Announcements:

Happy Birthday to Jeanette Lawson, 4/6. Eight people came to the April 2nd opening at the museum. Thanks to the docents who helped out.

Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2016--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Lorraine Croup to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills--Jeanette Lawson:

Brookelea Lutton presented the Treasurer's Report provided by Jeanette Lawson. The following requests were presented: Insurance (4 policies) in the amount of \$3,775.08, taxes and fees for \$1,1648.00. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Dennis Buscher to approve payment. Motion carried.

An estimate in the amount of \$5,626.00 was received to repair dry rot found on the balcony. Grant funds can't be used for this repair, so this cost and the insurance costs will come from the Wightman Memorial Fund and will deplete the fund. It was moved by Claudia Johnson and seconded by Dennis Buscher to approve the expenditure. Motion carried. It is expected the work will be completed before the Tea.

Jim Entrican submitted a bill in the amount of \$326.49 for paint and supplies for the library. It was moved by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve reimbursement. Motion carried.

It was moved by Diane Borden and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented (attached). Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Jim reported that he had heard from Sharon Baker and she will be returning next week from Arizona.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

They have approved increasing the fees for the J. McConnell Park in order to repair and revitalize it. Another ambulance will be put into service soon to assist in call volume and 9 more fire fighters will be hired and housed near Pleasant Grove School. The Board discussed parking issues in the Heritage Park lot. It is up to us to monitor the lot on days we have our events. Rich will send another message to the baseball league.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

No report.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

For the Tea, a sign will be put over the one that has the hours posted when the museum is open.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

New members: Isaac Taylor, Tom Soher & Roberta Gleason, Honorary Members Lester Ouchida and Jackie Boor. We currently have 266 paid members. Brookelea said for the record, the Board had voted and approved that a one-year honorary membership will be given to outside speakers at our general meetings. In addition, it was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Claudia Johnson to provide that members over 80 years of age and older will not be charged a membership fee. Motion carried. The applications will be revised in the Newsletter and the brochures to add a "Super Senior" category. The P&P will include these changes.

Newsletter:

We still need someone to do this important job.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

This committee is meeting regularly.

Programs for General Meeting—April and May--Claudia Johnson:

The speaker for the April 18th general meeting will be Dr. Bob on the History of Medicine and will be held at the Commons Senior Center, located at 9564 Sabrina Lane in Elk Grove at 6:30 PM.

The speaker for the May 16th general meeting will be Marielle Tsukamoto regarding the Japanese Internment to be held at the Commons in Elk Grove at 6:30 PM. Publicity and robo calls will go out.

Spring Tea—Jackie Lewis:

A report (attached) was submitted in writing that the committee met and things are moving along as planned. We expect a full house same as last year. Board members are requested to have their solicited or donated raffle gifts in by April 15th.

Red Door Event—Jim Entrican:

Jim Entrican reported that the Society received a net income of \$4,500 from this event. While at the event, Jim received donations for the Elk Grove Historical Society from Susan Griffith (\$20) and Cindy Hrepich (\$40) towards the purchase of a rose plaque. Jim requested that a thank you note be sent to each.

Grants—Jim Entrican:

Jim reported that he made the deadlines to apply for 2016/2017 CSD and City of Elk Grove grants that are available to non-profits.

Unfinished Business:

Foulks House Restoration and Storage/Blacksmith Shop—Jim Entrican:

Jim Entrican has submitted the plans to the City for review for the storage/blacksmith shop (\$135.00) however the cost for the permit was not certain and is being researched. Once the plans are approved—could take 2-3 weeks--we can proceed with the work. Jim reported the wood will be donated and he has found heavy shingles with a 50-year warranty from Anderson Lumber, which may be partially donated. The concrete will be donated and he expects that the area will be clear and clean in 2-3 weeks in order to pour cement for the pad. Hopefully in two months or so, the project will be completed.

Grant to repair dry rot on balcony—Barbara Claire and Jeanette Lawson:

(See Treasurer's Report)

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

One project is being completed at the Rhoads School (brickwork).

Tom Russell Research Library—Barbara Claire/Jim Entrican:

The Library has been reorganized and rearranged after it was painted. Dennis Buscher has acquired 9-foot tall wood cabinets for \$100 that will be moved into the space. One section of glass will need to be replaced. Barbara reported that the map cabinet, new computer and printer are set up and in place. The Past Perfect files have been upgraded to Version 5. She has submitted an invoice to the City for \$2,600.00 and she will request further payment for other expenses, as they are needed.

Big Day of Giving, May 3rd—Dennis Buscher:

The museum will be open from 10 AM to 8 PM and there will be wine and appetizers available. We will be available to assist people in making online donations. Dennis passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help that day and to donate appetizers or cookies for the event. Board members were requested to make a minimum donation online and to contact friends to encourage them to donate as well. Postcards will be sent to members and information posted on Facebook to advertise and a robo call will go out ahead of time. Dennis presented a proposed budget (which includes \$500 in expenses--see attached) in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the event. It was moved by Barbara Claire and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the budget as amended. Motion carried. Museum tote bags with our logo will be given to anyone who donates in person and new members will receive a complimentary one-year membership. The first person to donate \$500 after midnight will receive a one-week vacation in Rosarito, Mexico – donated by Dennis Buscher. Dennis is concerned about the amount of administrative expenses that are shown on the Giving Edge website based on tax returns for the Society. He will work with Jeanette to break down our expenses to the program categories we operate under.

Dennis announced that May is Preservation Month and he is attempting to find a reporter who will do an interview about the Elk Grove Historical Society. He will attend a meeting scheduled for tonight.

40-Year Anniversary Celebration, August 6th—Dennis Buscher:

The Board discussed the start time, which might be impacted by the summer heat. It was decided that the celebration will be from 11:00-2:00. The dedication of the Tom Russell Research Library will also be held at this time. Sandi Russell will be present to reveal his portrait. Other dignitaries will be invited. Regular tours of the museum will be from 11 AM to 4 PM. Food (hamburgers, hot dogs and salads were suggested) and soft drinks, wine and beer will be served. Music is being considered. Flyers will be sent in advance of the event.

Shore up Reese School—Dennis Buscher:

Dennis Buscher and Jim Entrican brought to our attention (photo attached) that a portion of the school has slipped down and they have contacted a company to provide an estimate of what it would cost to shore it up. The sides have to be pulled in and the walls jacked up to prevent it from falling further in between the original building and the section that was added. The estimate provided was \$1,000 and the Board discussed options for and against the expenditure. Some Board members submitted their comments, however they were not present to vote.

Diane Borden asked what our liability insurance would cover, and this will be researched. It was moved by Dennis Buscher and seconded by Barbara Claire to proceed and approve the \$1,000 expense. Motion carried.

New Business:

Update on Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation—David Lema: Brookelea asked that we review a You Tube video prior to the meeting: <https://youtu.be/nq1TI-4WmnA>

David Lema was present and gave an update to the Board on the progress made to date on the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation. They have incorporated and a 501©(3) status was approved in January. "Podcasts" will be made and third and fourth grade classrooms will be the eventual audience. Families will review and sign a release for the contents and they will be put into the "cloud" to share with the Society and others to download and store. His daughter will be involved in bringing the stores to life. The plan is to use student interns to help write, direct, produce and act in live theater productions in the future. They hope to work with local officials to get a designation for a "Greater Elk Grove History Week" and their target will be next year. Preliminary fundraising plans are to hold a dinner for the Foundation on October 1st at the Miners Leap Winery in Clarksburg. There will be music and a 30-minute "read" presented by students (his daughter is in the process of writing this now). The Board is very excited about the work they are doing to preserve our history and David asked us to give them any input or ideas.

Upcoming Events:

- April 18 – General Meeting, Dr. Bob LaPerriere, History of Medicine, 6:30 PM at the Commons Senior Center, 9564 Sabrina Lane
- May 3 – Big Day of Giving
- May 7 – Spring Tea – 11:00 AM (**No Saturday opening**)
- May 9 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, museum
- May 16 – General Meeting – Marielle Tsukamoto, Commons Senior Center, 6:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary