

**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2013**

Board Members and Guests Present: Diane Borden, Mary Burford, Dennis Buscher, Barbara Claire, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Carol Fischlin, Jeanette Lawson, Merry Leverton, Rich Lozano, Pam Phelps, Milt Webb.

Call to order: Barbara Claire (President):

Public Comment: None.

Announcements:

Barbara thanked the docents who worked the April opening.

She introduced Merry Leverton who is the new Director of the Rhoads School beginning June 1, 2013.

Barbara passed around an article in the Citizen written by Elizabeth Pinkerton about Dennis Buscher.

Volunteers are needed for the Saturday, June 8th Chili Cook-off. If we help sell raffle tickets, the Society will be given a portion of the amount of each ticket (i.e., we will get \$2-\$3 of a \$5 ticket). There are a couple of booths that need volunteers as well. If you would like to help please let Barbara know.

Approval of Minutes-- March 11, 2013— Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Jeanette Lawson to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2013 Board Meeting (sent to Board for review) as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills--Jeanette Lawson (Treasurer):

Jeanette requested approval to pay the following bills:

1. For Insurance (general liability and property): \$4,641.20 – annual payment. This will come out of the Wightman Memorial Fund. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Milt Webb to approve the expenditure. Motion carried.
2. Hasties Sand and Gravel for decomposed granite: \$398.52. It was moved by Milt Webb and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the expenditure. Motion carried.
3. A balance of \$503.00 to Bang Publishing for printing of the cookbook. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the expenditure. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Antique & Craft Show – Brookelea Lutton:

In Brookelea's absence, Barbara reported that seven vendors have submitted applications to date. Food vendors will be Heavenly Dog and Kline Shaved Ice.

Cookbook—Brookelea Lutton & Barbara Claire:

So far 39 pre-orders for the cookbook have been received. The cookbook should be printed within the next two weeks.

Docents—Annaclare Entrican:

Annaclare passed around a sign-up sheet for docents to work on Saturday, May 4th.

Facilities Rental—Jim Entrican:

No one has requested rental of the facility for the near future.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette will have a meeting on Thursday at 6 PM in the Museum to discuss plans. The Board previously approved an expenditure of \$2,500 for "Elk Grove's Haunted Hotel" plus whatever we can get in donations (\$900 so far). Jeanette proposed sending a "Phantom Ball" letter to solicit further donations. There were no objections. Jim has submitted a grant to the City of Elk Grove for police officers. Jeanette expects the downstairs to be decorated for the younger kids and upstairs for older kids. Suggested price is \$5 per person, hours on Saturday and Sunday 10 to 6 PM and Friday and Saturday nights 3 weeks prior to Halloween 6 to 9 PM.

Historic Homes of Elk Grove—Jeanette Lawson & Barbara Claire:

On hold. Milt Webb reported that he recently visited Marysville and went on their home tour. He will let Lorraine know about it for a possible bus trip in the future.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Jim has printed the mailing labels for Lorraine to send reminder letters to those who have not paid dues.

Newsletter--deadline for articles is **April 15th** —Brookelea Lutton:

Please e-mail Brookelea any material for the May/June issue by the due date. In the subject line, please put "Newsletter" for her convenience.

Policy & Procedure – Brookelea Lutton:

Plans for the committee to meet will be made after the Tea.

Programs for General Meeting—Elaine Wright:

In Elaine's absence, it was announced that the guest speaker for the April 15th General Meeting will be Annette Kassis (see attached flyer). The speaker from the Lincoln Highway association has been confirmed for the May 20th meeting and on June 23rd (serves as our General Meeting), we will provide a potluck for the Lincoln Highway Association attendees.

Spring Tea - Sally Bergen & Pam Phelps:

Pam reported that tickets are selling quickly (96 so far). Lorraine Croup will be our emcee. Upcoming committee meetings will be held at the museum on Friday, April 19th at 1 PM to put together the baskets; and on Sunday, April 21st at 1:30 for putting together decorations. Raffle items need to be obtained by May 1st. Set up of tables, chairs and decorations for the Tea will be at 9 AM on May 10th. All committee members need to be at the Tea by 11 AM on May 11th.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette will have a planning meeting on Thursday at 5 PM. She proposed that we do not solicit decorators as we have in the past. It is very difficult to get them and she feels that the Society can take on this responsibility. She will assign people to decorate each room and there are lots of supplies on hand that can be used. None of the furniture should need to be moved. If needed, a \$100 stipend will be provided for additional decorations for each room. We will not need to purchase any Christmas trees. We received \$1,300 in donations last year and we need to sell more Black Tie tickets. She went over her proposed budget (attached) as compared to last year showing projected income and expenses. It was moved by Jim Entrican and seconded by Diane Borden to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:Front Landscaping & Walkway Lighting—Jim Entrican:

Jim expects everything to be completed by Saturday and will be planting more flowers this week. He received \$260 from Scout Connor Edwards which he solicited in donations. Jim would like to use this to purchase more hydrangeas. In addition, Jim would like to purchase a shop vacuum to clean the pond, which he estimates will cost between \$50 and \$150. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Milt Webb to allow Jim to spend up to \$500 for hydrangeas and a shop vac. Motion carried.

Foulks House Restoration—Jim Entrican:

Jim has received nothing from the architect and has been informed that there was a fire in their office and the plans were destroyed. Therefore, they will need to be redrawn. He will keep us apprised, keeping the upcoming deadline in mind.

Storage Shed - Jim Entrican:

A Boy Scout will take this on as a project and approval from CSD has been received.

Repainting Museum signs--Barbara Claire, Dennis Buscher, Jeanette Lawson:

On hold until after the Tea. Mary Burford was docenting at the April opening and someone came up to her and expressed confusion over why we are changing the word hotel to "house" and Mary did not know what to tell them. Jim read a portion of Lance Armstrong's book that provided some history that in fact it never was a hotel. It was suggested that perhaps we could ask Elizabeth Pinkerton to write an article in the Citizen. Jeanette will contact her to see if she would be interested.

Dining Room Table - Dennis Buscher & Jim Entrican:

On hold.

Plaque for Fence Donors—Jeanette Lawson:

On hold.

Plaque for Jail—Jim Entrican:

Jim needs to drill holes to hang the plaque and will try to hang the plaque in time for the Tea.

Water damage repair (\$1,300 approved)—Jeanette Lawson/Dennis Buscher:

Dennis has finished patching and is working with Jeanette on this.

Security System--Jim Entrican:

Jim is meeting on Thursday with ADT to obtain a proposal from them.

Time Capsule—Payment to Ed Keema (bill for \$2,500, \$627.55 in account) -
Information from Jackie Langenberg (City) - Jim Entrican:

After meeting with others, it was decided to attempt to sell more plaques (2 sizes, small and large are available) to obtain enough money to pay Ed Keema what he is owed within the next few months.

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Grant Submission—Jim Entrican:

2013-14 CDBG and CSG recommendations were to reject our Grant:
"Thank you for submitting an application for 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and/or Community Service Grant (CSG) funding. The City received 35 requests totaling more than \$1.7 million, far exceeding the amount of funding available. Staff carefully reviewed all applications, and we sincerely appreciate the level of effort that went into your application. Unfortunately, due to the limited funding available, your activity is not being recommended for funding this year. Thank you.
Sarah Bontrager, Housing Program Manager City of Elk Grove"

City of Elk Grove Events Sponsorship Grants – Haunted House—Jim Entrican:

Jim submitted a grant request for \$1,700 in cash for the Haunted House.

Electrical receptacles—options for fixing by volunteer electricians— Jim Entrican:

Jim will contact the electricians to try and get these fixed to code before the Tea.

Union Pacific Foundation Community-Based Grant Program--Jim Entrican:

Jim has not had an opportunity to review this but will do so soon.

New Business:

Historical Society e-mail Person (need new one):

Barbara has asked Sally Bergen, and she has agreed, to take on the responsibility of checking e-mails sent to the Society. Barbara also requested a correction from the last meeting after Brookelea volunteered to pick up the mail at the post office and she said this is not necessary. In addition, Jim said that messages received on the answering machine are very difficult to hear and understand. Jeanette will check this out further.

Celebration for Frances Fite, Rhoads School Director 1999-2013:

Jim announced that two metal signs are being designed to be put in the entryway of the school, one in recognition of Frances Fite serving as Director of Rhoads School from 1999 to 2013, and a second for both she and her husband Bob for their outstanding service from 1995-2013. Jim will spend \$84.91 for hardware (Jeanette said she does not need approval for this amount). Per Merry Leverton, a committee is planning the celebration for June 3rd and more information will be available soon.

Carol Fischlin attended the meeting to offer her suggestion that the community do something to recognize Louis Baroni's service as the last Constable of Elk Grove. Jim said the Chief of Police would be the person to start with and offered to go with Carol to discuss the suggestion that a plaque be put on display in his honor.

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Rich Lozano, CSD, reported he is attempting to find a pair of pants for the uniform for Louis Baroni that will be on display in the jail. Also, he fully supports the storage shed plans and will continue to help in this regard.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ April 15, 2013: General Meeting, Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd. Speaker—Annette Kassis, Weinstocks: Sacramento's Finest Department Store
- ◆ May 4, 2013: Open for tours
- ◆ May 11, 2013: Wish Upon a Fountain, Spring Tea Luncheon
- ◆ May 13, 2013: Board Meeting, 4 PM
- ◆ May 20, 2013: General Meeting, Lincoln Highway Association speaker, Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Claire at 5:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden
Recording Secretary